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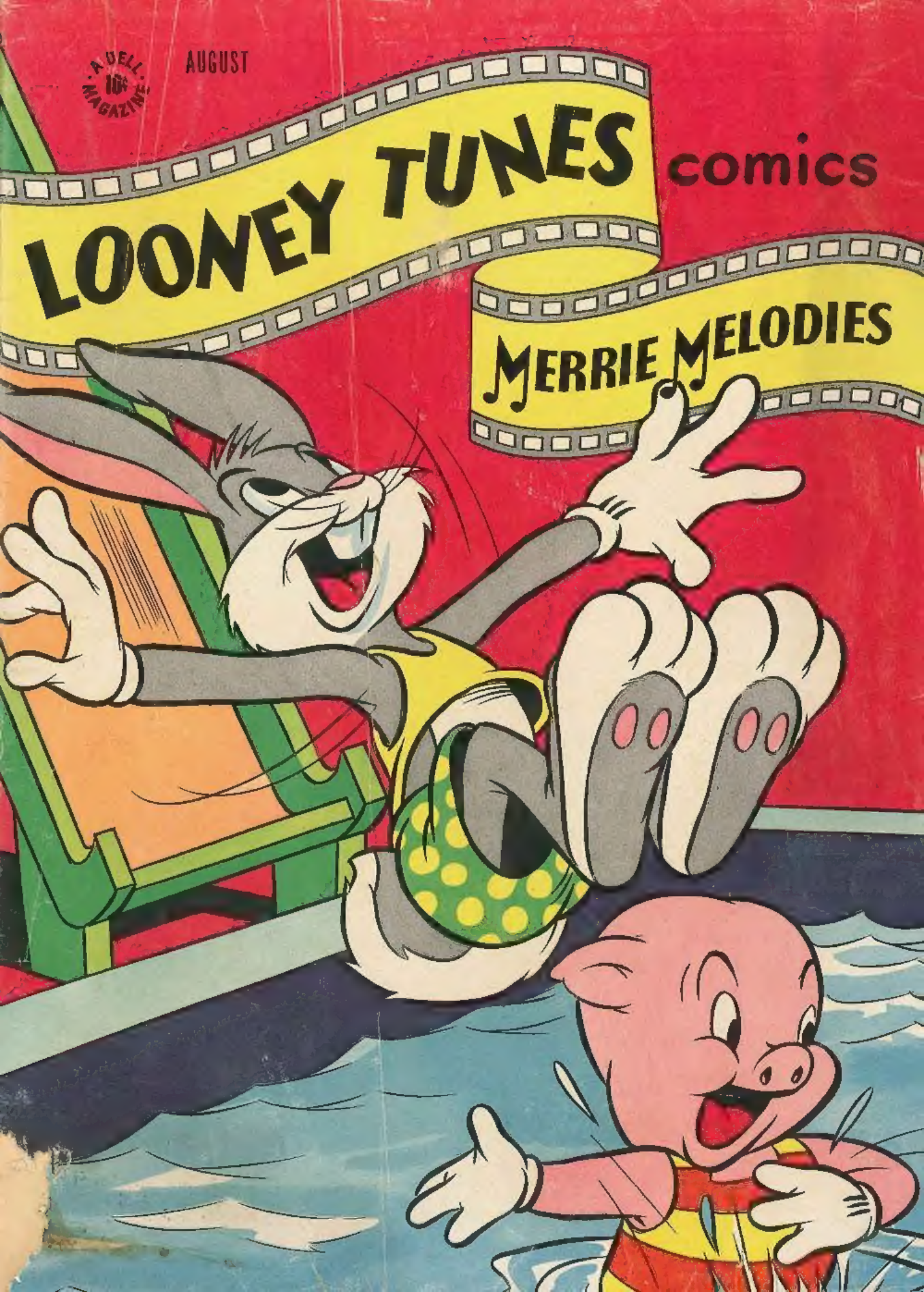

PORKY'S FIRECRACKER

It was the night before the Fourth of July.

Porky Pig rushed out of the candy shop and hurried down the dark street. He jumped, startled, when he heard a loud voice close to his ear.

"Hiya, Porky!" Bugs Bunny had darted out of the shadows and was standing beside him.

"H-Hello, B-Bugs," Porky stuttered. "You s-scared me . . . s-sorta!"

"Watcha got there?" Bugs asked curiously, pointing to the long dark something, which Porky held under one arm.

"Wh-What d-does it l-look l-like?" Porky answered and thrust the object toward Bugs as they paused under a street light. It was a big red firecracker with a long fuse.

"Jeepers!" Bugs exclaimed. "A giant firecracker! You'd better be careful, Porky. Those things are awful dangerous!"

"This one's n-not d-dangerous," Porky smiled. "Look!" He lifted the top from the firecracker. "This is only a m-make b-believe one. It's f-filled with c-candy!"

Bugs stared in surprise. Then he sniffed scornfully. "So it's only a fake," he sneered. "Filled with choclit drops! An' I thought it was a real one! What good's a silly thing like that?"

"It's a F-Fourth of J-July p-present for P-Petunia," Porky explained, putting the top carefully back on the candy-filled firecracker. "I'm g-going to g-give it to her t-tomorrow m-morning."

"Well, maybe Petunia'll like a fake firecracker, but I'll take the real ones," Bugs chuckled. Suddenly he paused and snapped his fingers. "Say! How 'bout you an' me goin' over to the park an' takin' a look at some real ones?"

"Wh-What do you m-mean?" Porky asked, puzzled.

"They've got all the fireworks for the big village celebration stored in a little shed in the park," Bugs explained. "I watched 'em buildin' it this afternoon. Let's go peek at 'em."

"I d-don't think I'd b-better," Porky hesitated. "It's g-getting l-late."

"Aw, c'mon!" Bugs cried. "You oughta see what they got piled in that shed. Skyrockets an' pinwheels an' Roman candles an' everything. They're all ready for the big show tomorrow night. We can just sorta squint at 'em through the cracks in the boards."

"All r-right," Porky agreed. He clutched his make-believe firecracker firmly under his arm as they ran down the street.

The village park was dark and deserted and filled with rustling shadows when Bugs and Porky hurried along its winding paths. Somewhere among the trees an owl hooted.

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present
BUGS BUNNY
OH BOY.... A TURTLE!! I'LL HAVE SOME FUN WITH PORKY!
PORKY USUALLY TAKES A NAP ABOUT THIS TIME EVERY AFTERNOON!
WHEN HE HOPS IN BED TODAY, HE'LL BE IN FOR A BIG SURPRISE! HEH, HEH!
HERE IT GOES!
OH! OH! I HEAR PORKY, COMIN' NOW!
I'LL HIDE BEHIND THIS SCREEN AN' WATCH TH' FUN!
I'M REALLY T-T-T-TIRED TODAY! THAT BED WILL SURE F-F-FEEL GOOD!
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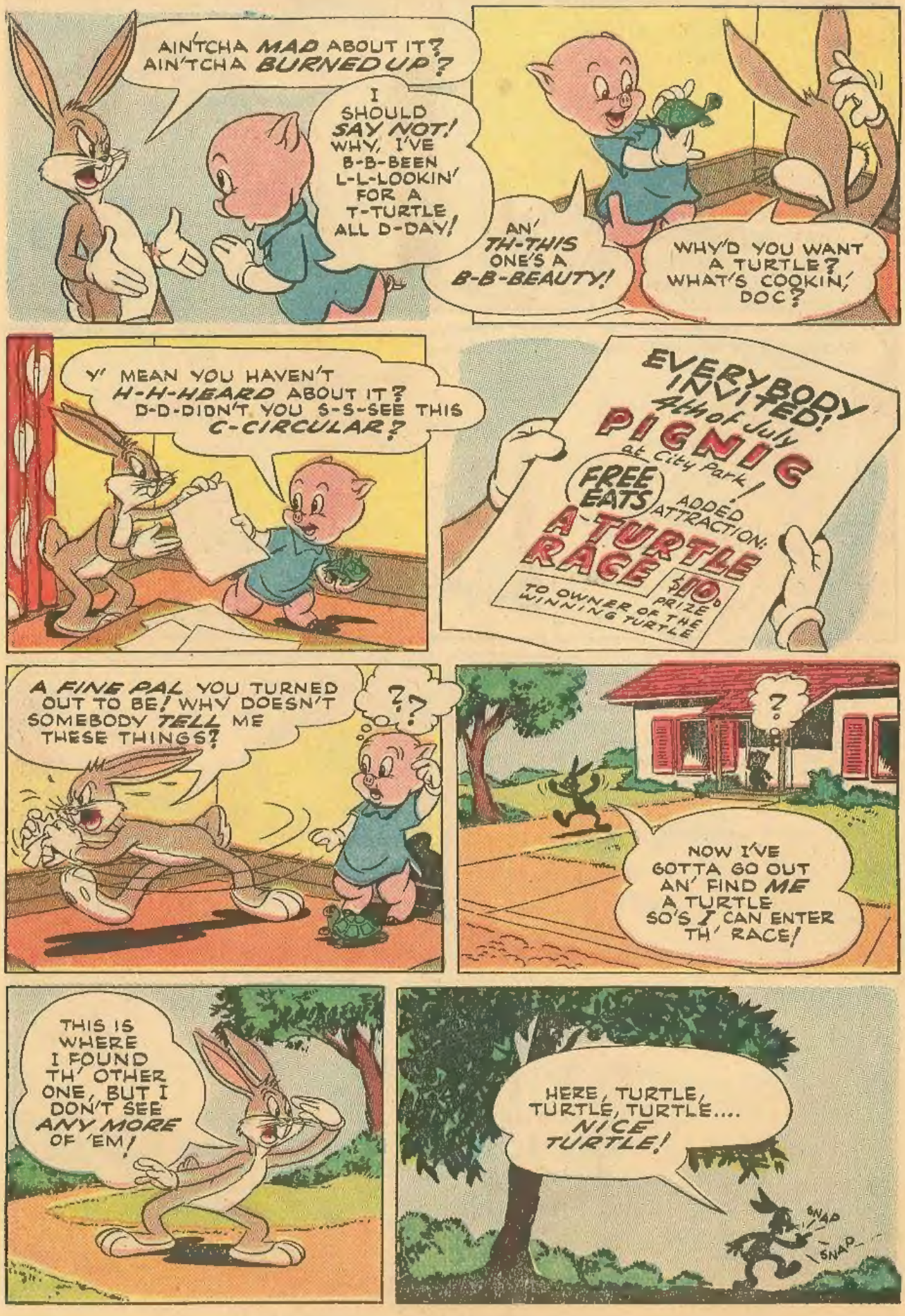
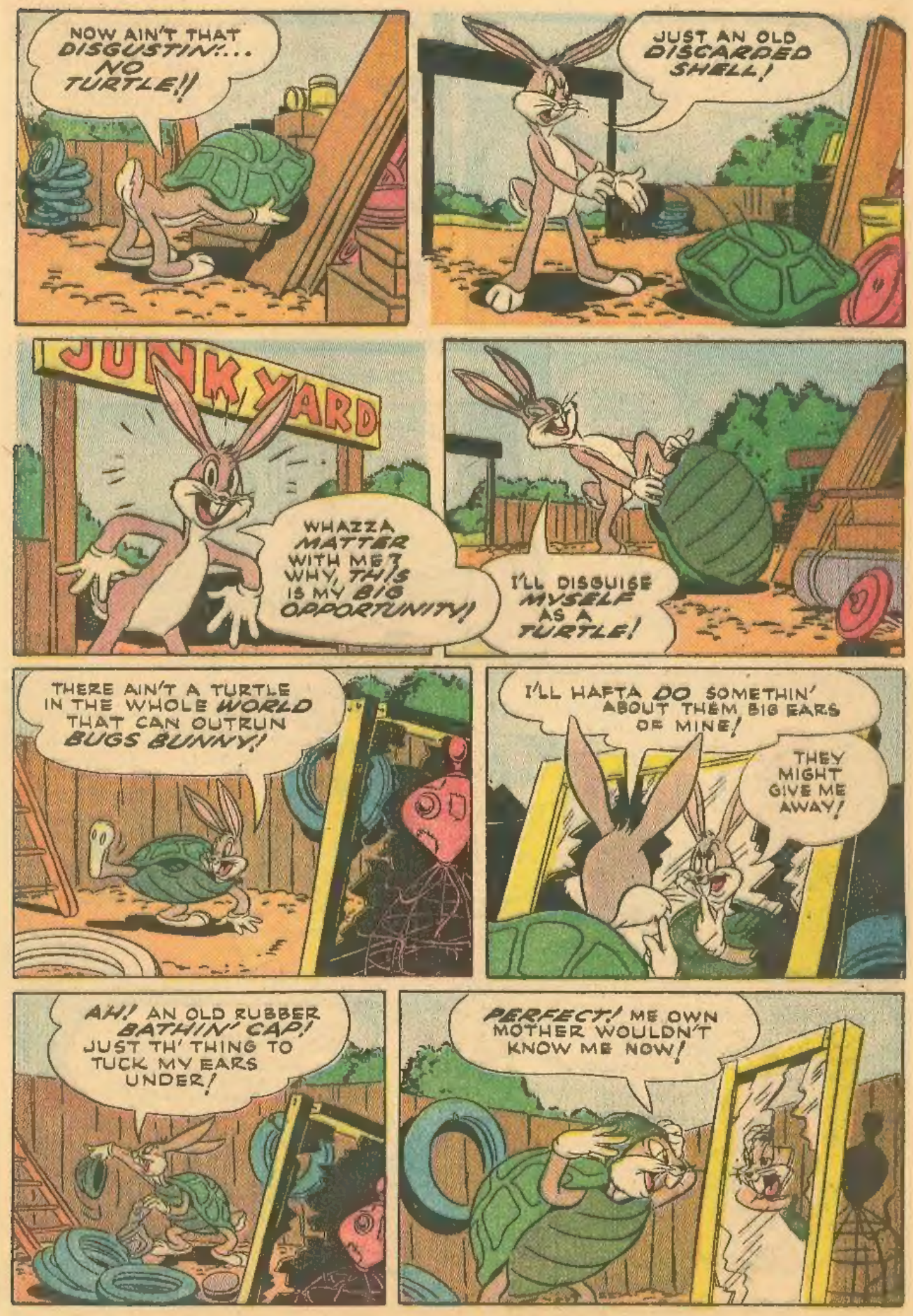
I'VE H-HUNTED AND H-HUNTED UNTIL I'M J-J-JUST WORN OUT!
TH' FUN SHOULD START ANY MINUTE NOW! OH BOY! WILL HE BE FURIOUS!
TH-THAT'S F-F-F-FUNNY! I TH-THOUGHT I FELT SOMETHIN' UNDER TH' C-C-COVERS!
G-G-GOLLY!! THERE IS S-S-SOMETHIN' IN M-M-MY B-BED!
A T-TURTLE!! TH-THIS IS ALMOST T-T-TOO GOOD T-T-TO BE TRUE!!
??
YIPPEEEE!
???
SAY, WHAT'S GOIN' ON HERE ?
OH, HELLO, BUGS.... I D-D-D-DIDN'T HEAR Y-YOU COME IN!
ISN'T IT W-WONDERFUL! LOOK WH-WHAT I F-F-FOUND IN MY B-B-BED!
YEH... YEH....


AIN'TCHA MAD ABOUT IT? AIN'TCHA BURNED UP?
I SHOULD SAY NOT! WHY, I'VE B-B-BEEN L-L-LOOKIN' FOR A T-TURTLE ALL D-DAY!
AN' TH-THIS ONE'S A B-B-BEAUTY!
WHY'D YOU WANT A TURTLE? WHAT'S COOKIN', DOC?
Y' MEAN YOU HAVEN'T H-H-HEARD ABOUT IT? D-D-DIDN'T YOU S-S-SEE THIS C-CIRCULAR?
EVERYBODY INVITED!
4th of July PICNIC at City Park!
FREE EATS
ADDED ATTRACTION: A TURTLE RACE
$10.00 PRIZE TO OWNER OF THE WINNING TURTLE
A FINE PAL YOU TURNED OUT TO BE! WHY DOESN'T SOMEBODY TELL ME THESE THINGS?
??
?
NOW I'VE GOTTA GO OUT AN' FIND ME A TURTLE SO'S I CAN ENTER TH' RACE!
THIS IS WHERE I FOUND TH' OTHER ONE, BUT I DON'T SEE ANY MORE OF 'EM!
HERE, TURTLE, TURTLE, TURTLE.... NICE TURTLE!
SNAP
SNAP

BUT BUGS CAN'T FIND A TURTLE, AND WHEN THE BIG DAY ARRIVES...
JULY 4th
THERE THEY GO! LOOKS LIKE EVERYBODY AN' THEIR TURTLE'S GONNA BE AT THAT PICNIC!
TO ELK PARK PICNIC GROUNDS ONE MILE
EVERYBODY EXCEPT ME! WOE IS ME!
'TAIN'T FAIR! I SHOULD HAVE A CHANCE AT THAT TEN BUCKS, TOO!
I'VE LOOKED EVERYWHERE I CAN THINK OF AN' STILL I CAN'T FIND A....
JUNK YARD
....YIPES!! A TURTLE!!
IT SURE IS A WHOPPER! WITH ONE LIKE THAT I'LL BE SURE TO WIN TH' PRIZE!
WAKE UP! WAKE UP!! YOU AN' ME HAS GOT A RACIN' ENGAGEMENT TODAY!
KNOCK KNOCK

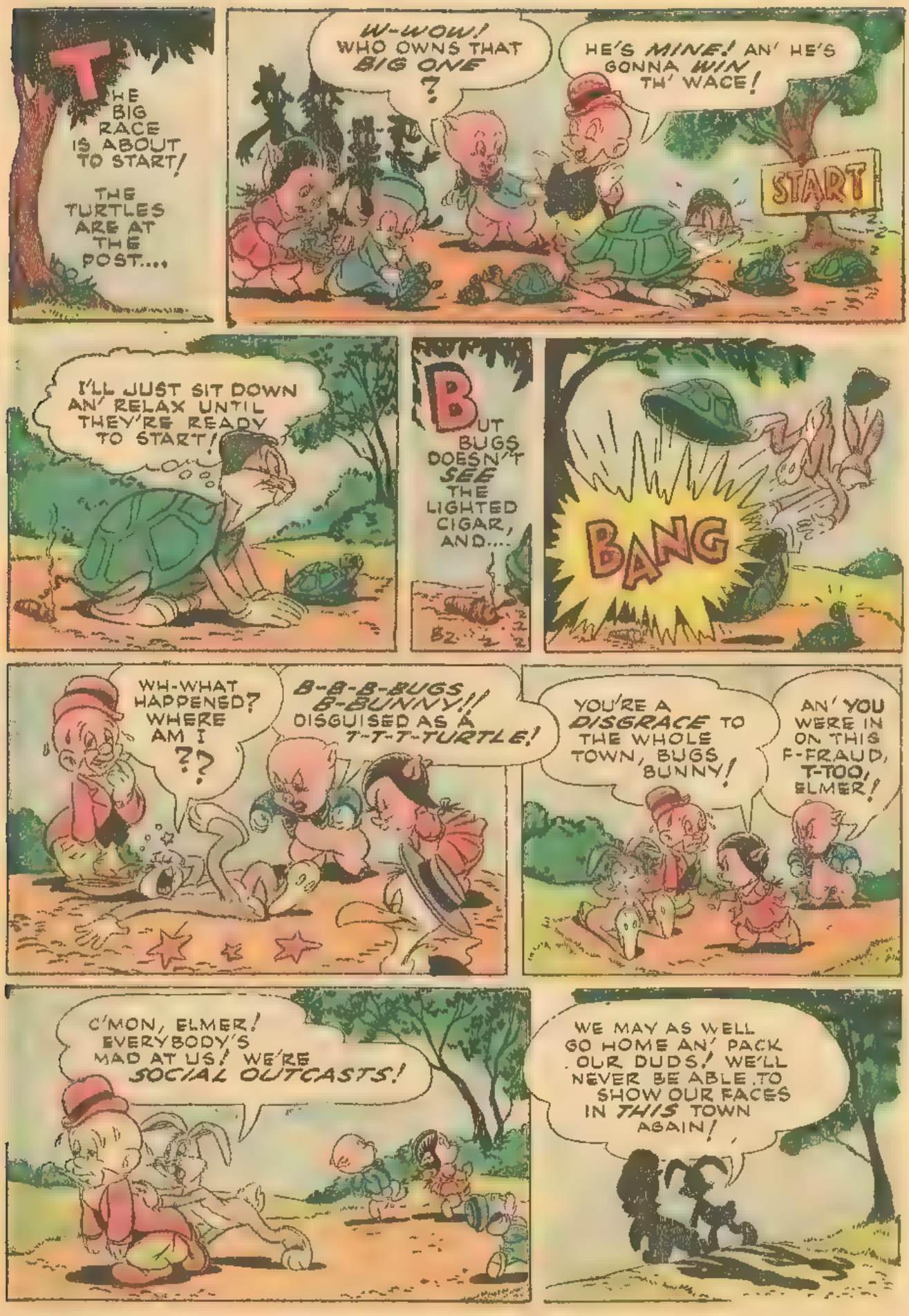

NOW AIN'T THAT DISGUSTIN'!... NO TURTLE!!
JUST AN OLD DISCARDED SHELL!
JUNKYARD
WHAZZA MATTER WITH ME? WHY, THIS IS MY BIG OPPORTUNITY!
I'LL DISGUISE MYSELF AS A TURTLE!
THERE AIN'T A TURTLE IN THE WHOLE WORLD THAT CAN OUTRUN BUGS BUNNY!
I'LL HAFTA DO SOMETHIN' ABOUT THEM BIG EARS OF MINE!
THEY MIGHT GIVE ME AWAY!
AH! AN OLD RUBBER BATHIN' CAP! JUST TH' THING TO TUCK MY EARS UNDER!
PERFECT! ME OWN MOTHER WOULDN'T KNOW ME NOW!

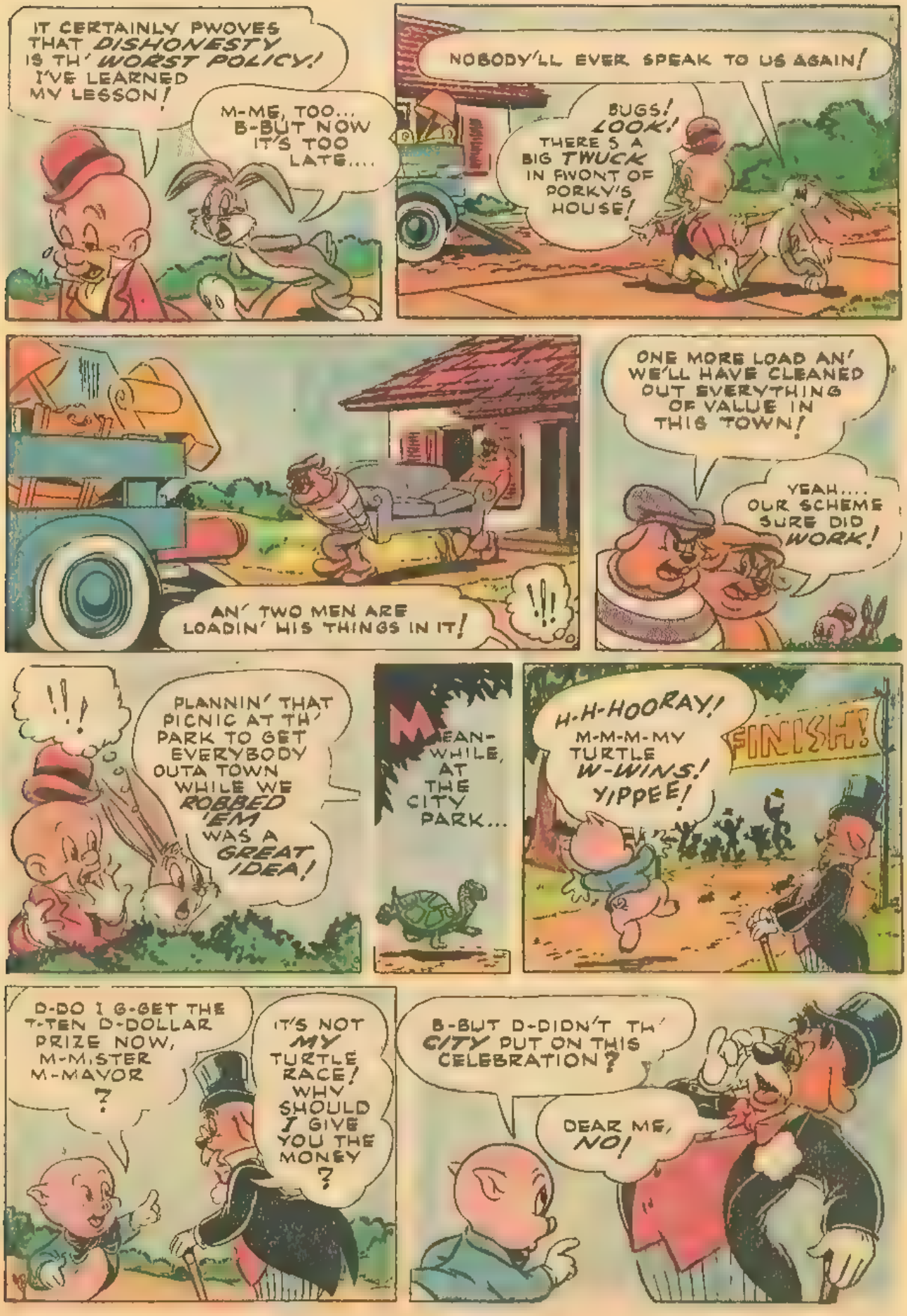
HERE COMES ELMER FUDD! IF I CAN FOOL HIM, I CAN FOOL TH' REST OF TH' PEOPLE!
HUWWO, BUGS! NICE DAY FOR TH' PICNIC, ISN'T IT ?
!!
HEY! COME BACK !!
HOW DID YOU KNOW IT WAS ME?
THAT'S EASY...
....I WECOGNIZED YOUR LITTLE, WHITE, FLUFFY TAIL!
OH, GOSH! I'LL HAFTA DO SOMETHIN' ABOUT THAT!
YOU WEREN'T PLANNING ON ENTERING TH' TURTLE WACE IN THAT DISGUISE, WERE YOU ?
WHY... ER... THAT IS....
SHAME ON YOU, BUGS! THAT'S PWACTICALLY DISHONEST.... PWETENDIN' TO BE A TURTLE, WHEN YOU'RE NOT!
TH' VEWY IDEA!
LOOK, DOC.... IF YOU WON'T TELL ON ME, I'LL SPLIT TH' PRIZE WITH YA, FIFTY-FIFTY!

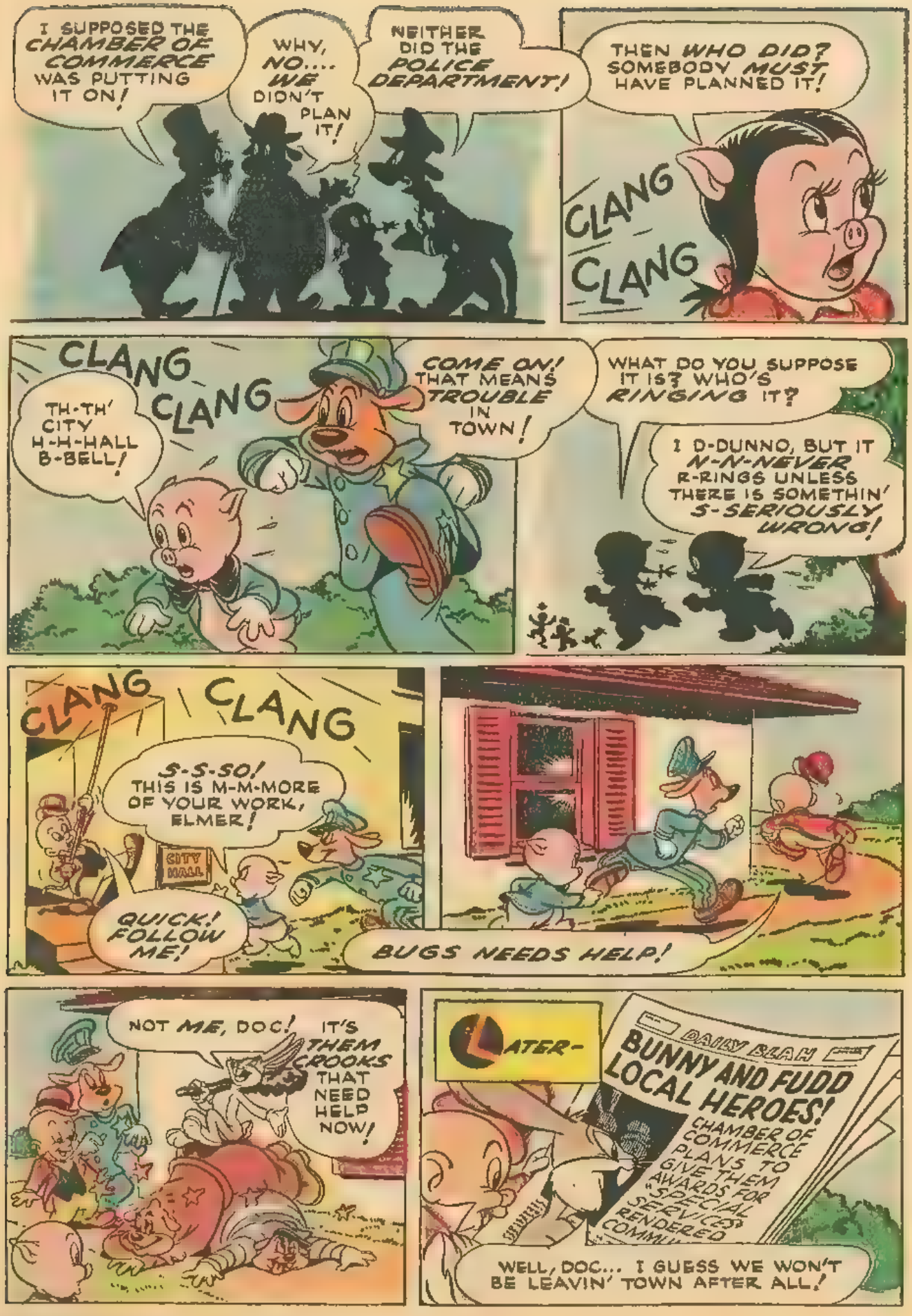
IT'S DISGWACEFUL! IT'S..... GEE! YOU WILL?
SURE, DOC.... SURE!
IT'S A DEAL!
GOOD! I'LL NEED SOMEBODY TO COLLECT TH' MONEY FOR ME!
WE'VE WEALLY GOT TO DO SOMETHIN' ABOUT THAT TAIL OF YOURS, BUGS!
MAYBE YA BETTER SORTA TUCK IT INSIDE TH' SHELL!
OKAY! THAT'S BETTER, BUT STILL...
C'MON, DOC! WE'VE GOTTA GET OUT TO TH' PARK! WE DON'T WANTA BE LATE FOR TH' RACE!
CITY PARK
IF YOU WUN LIKE THIS, THOSE TURTLES WON'T HAVE A CHANCE!
IT'LL BE A CINCH TO WIN, PAL!
THAT DOUGH'S AS GOOD AS OURS RIGHT NOW!
WHEW! HOW MUCH FARTHER IS IT, BUGS?
WON'T BE LONG NOW! IT'S TOO BAD THEY DIDN'T BUILD TH' CITY PARK CLOSER TO TOWN!
PUFF! PUFF!
I'LL SAY!
CITY PARK 100 YARDS

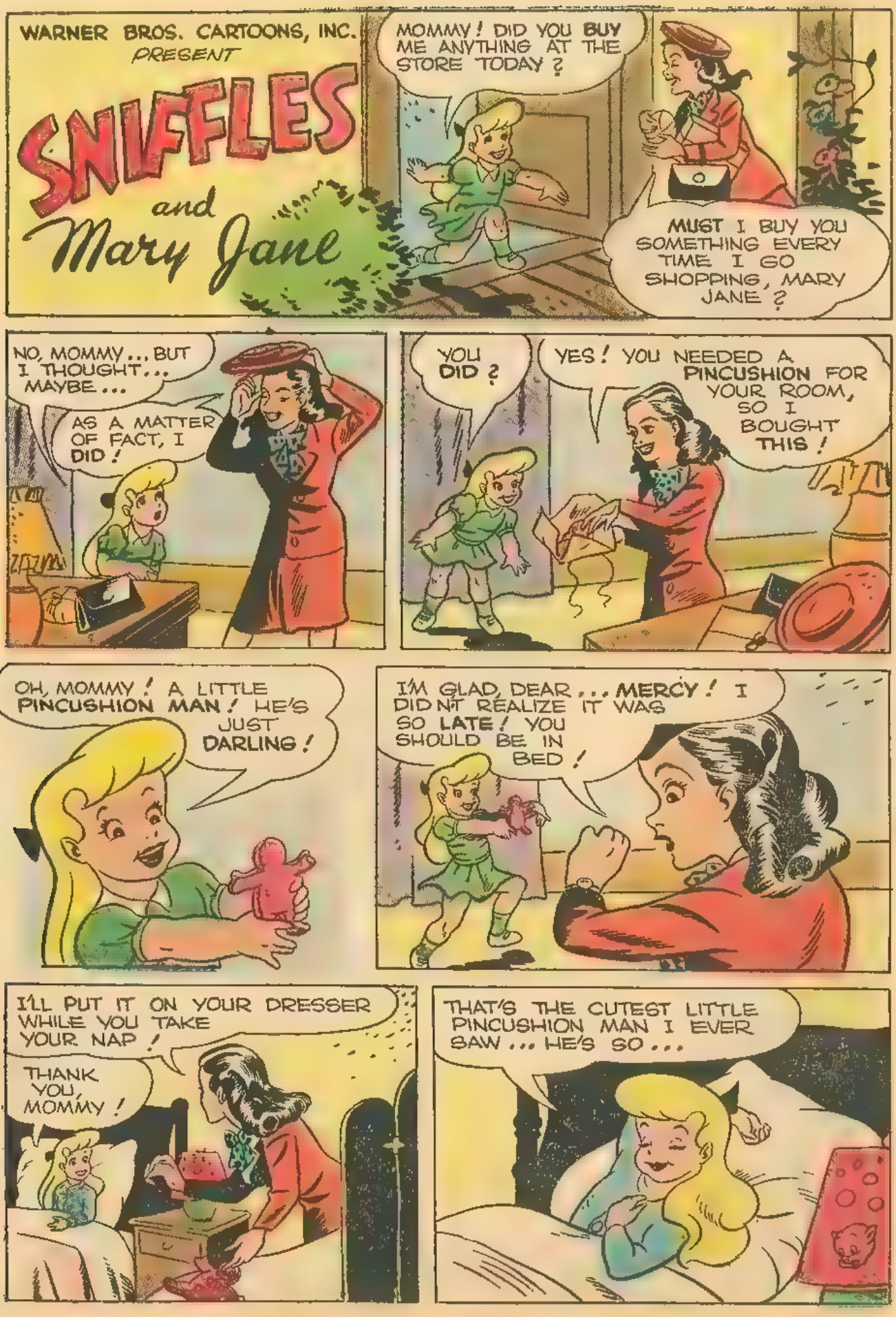
HERE WE ARE, DOC! AN' JUST LOOK AT ALL TH' PEOPLE!
SURE! NOTHIN' LIKE FWEE EATS AN' A TURTLE WACE TO BWING OUT A BIG CWOWD!
HERE GOES, DOC! DON'T FORGET... FROM NOW ON, I'M A ..TURTLE!
WAIT, BUGS!
I'M WOWWIED! SOMEBODY MIGHT SUSPECT SOMETHIN' IF YOU DON'T HAVE ANY TAIL, BUGS! TURTLES DO HAVE 'EM, YOU KNOW!
YOU WAIT HERE! I'LL LOOK AWOUND FOR SOMETHIN' THAT WESEMBLES A TURTLE'S TAIL!
H-HI, ELMER! WHERE'S BUGS? EVERYBODY IN TOWN'S, H-HERE B-BUT HIM! HAVE YOU S-S-SEEN HIM?
ER.... NOPE!
HEY! WHEN DOES TH' TURTLE RACE START?
YES! LET'S HAVE IT NOW!
GWACIOUS! THE CWOWD'S GETTIN' IMPATIENT! I MUST FIND SOMETHIN' THAT WESEMBLES A TURTLE TAIL, OR IT'LL BE TOO LATE!
FIRE-WORKS

OH BOY! THERE'S GONNA BE A BIG FIREWORKS DISPLAY, TOO!
FIRE-WORKS
TH' VEWY THING! THAT FIRECWACKER FUSE LOOKS VEWY MUCH LIKE A TURTLE'S TAIL! I'LL BOWWOW ONE!
I'LL WETURN IT WHEN WE'RE THWOUGH USIN' IT!
WHAT KEPT YA SO LONG? WHAT'RE YA GONNA DO WITH THAT FIRECRACKER ??
TAKE OFF YER SHELL, AN' I'LL SHOW YA!
THERE! THAT DOES IT! NOW GET BACK INTO TH' TURTLE SHELL!
OKAY, BUT....
I WAS WIGHT! THAT MAKES THE DISGUISE WEALLY GOOD! WE'LL FOOL EVEWYONE NOW!
WE'D BETTER HUWWY! I THINK TH' WACE IS GOIN' TO START!
BUT SUPPOSIN' SOMEBODY PUTS A MATCH TO MY "TAIL" ?
NOBODY'D DO A THING LIKE THAT! THAT WOULD BE CWUELTY TO DUMB ANIMALS!


THE BIG RACE IS ABOUT TO START!
THE TURTLES ARE AT THE POST....
W-WOW! WHO OWNS THAT BIG ONE ?
HE'S MINE! AN' HE'S GONNA WIN TH' WACE!
START
I'LL JUST SIT DOWN AN' RELAX UNTIL THEY'RE READY TO START!
BUT BUGS DOESN'T SEE THE LIGHTED CIGAR, AND....
BANG
WH-WHAT HAPPENED? WHERE AM I ??
B-B-B-BUGS B-BUNNY!! DISGUISED AS A T-T-T-TURTLE!
YOU'RE A DISGRACE TO THE WHOLE TOWN, BUGS BUNNY!
AN' YOU WERE IN ON THIS F-FRAUD, T-TOO, ELMER!
C'MON, ELMER! EVERYBODY'S MAD AT US! WE'RE SOCIAL OUTCASTS!
WE MAY AS WELL GO HOME AN' PACK OUR DUDS! WE'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO SHOW OUR FACES IN THIS TOWN AGAIN!


IT CERTAINLY PWOVES THAT DISHONESTY IS TH' WORST POLICY! I'VE LEARNED MY LESSON!
M-ME, TOO... B-BUT NOW IT'S TOO LATE....
NOBODY'LL EVER SPEAK TO US AGAIN!
BUGS! LOOK! THERE'S A BIG TWUCK IN FWONT OF PORKY'S HOUSE!
AN' TWO MEN ARE LOADIN' HIS THINGS IN IT!
!!!
ONE MORE LOAD AN' WE'LL HAVE CLEANED OUT EVERYTHING OF VALUE IN THIS TOWN!
YEAH.... OUR SCHEME SURE DID WORK!
!!!
PLANNIN' THAT PICNIC AT TH' PARK TO GET EVERYBODY OUTA TOWN WHILE WE ROBBED 'EM WAS A GREAT IDEA!
MEAN-WHILE, AT THE CITY PARK...
H-H-HOORAY! M-M-M-MY TURTLE W-WINS! YIPPEE!
FINISH!
D-DO I G-GET THE T-TEN D-DOLLAR PRIZE NOW, M-M'STER M-MAYOR ?
IT'S NOT MY TURTLE RACE! WHY SHOULD I GIVE YOU THE MONEY ?
B-BUT D-DIDN'T TH' CITY PUT ON THIS CELEBRATION?
DEAR ME, NO!


I SUPPOSED THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WAS PUTTING IT ON!
WHY, NO.... WE DIDN'T PLAN IT!
NEITHER DID THE POLICE DEPARTMENT!
THEN WHO DID? SOMEBODY MUST HAVE PLANNED IT!
CLANG CLANG
CLANG CLANG
TH-TH' CITY H-H-HALL B-BELL!
COME ON! THAT MEANS TROUBLE IN TOWN!
WHAT DO YOU SUPPOSE IT IS? WHO'S RINGING IT?
I D-DUNNO, BUT IT N-N-NEVER R-RINGS UNLESS THERE IS SOMETHIN' S-SERIOUSLY WRONG!
CLANG CLANG
S-S-SO! THIS IS M-M-MORE OF YOUR WORK, ELMER!
CITY HALL
QUICK! FOLLOW ME!
BUGS NEEDS HELP!
NOT ME, DOC! IT'S THEM CROOKS THAT NEED HELP NOW!
LATER-
DAILY BLAH
BUNNY AND FUDD LOCAL HEROES!
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PLANS TO GIVE THEM AWARDS FOR "SPECIAL SERVICES" RENDERED COMMU
WELL, DOC... I GUESS WE WON'T BE LEAVIN' TOWN AFTER ALL!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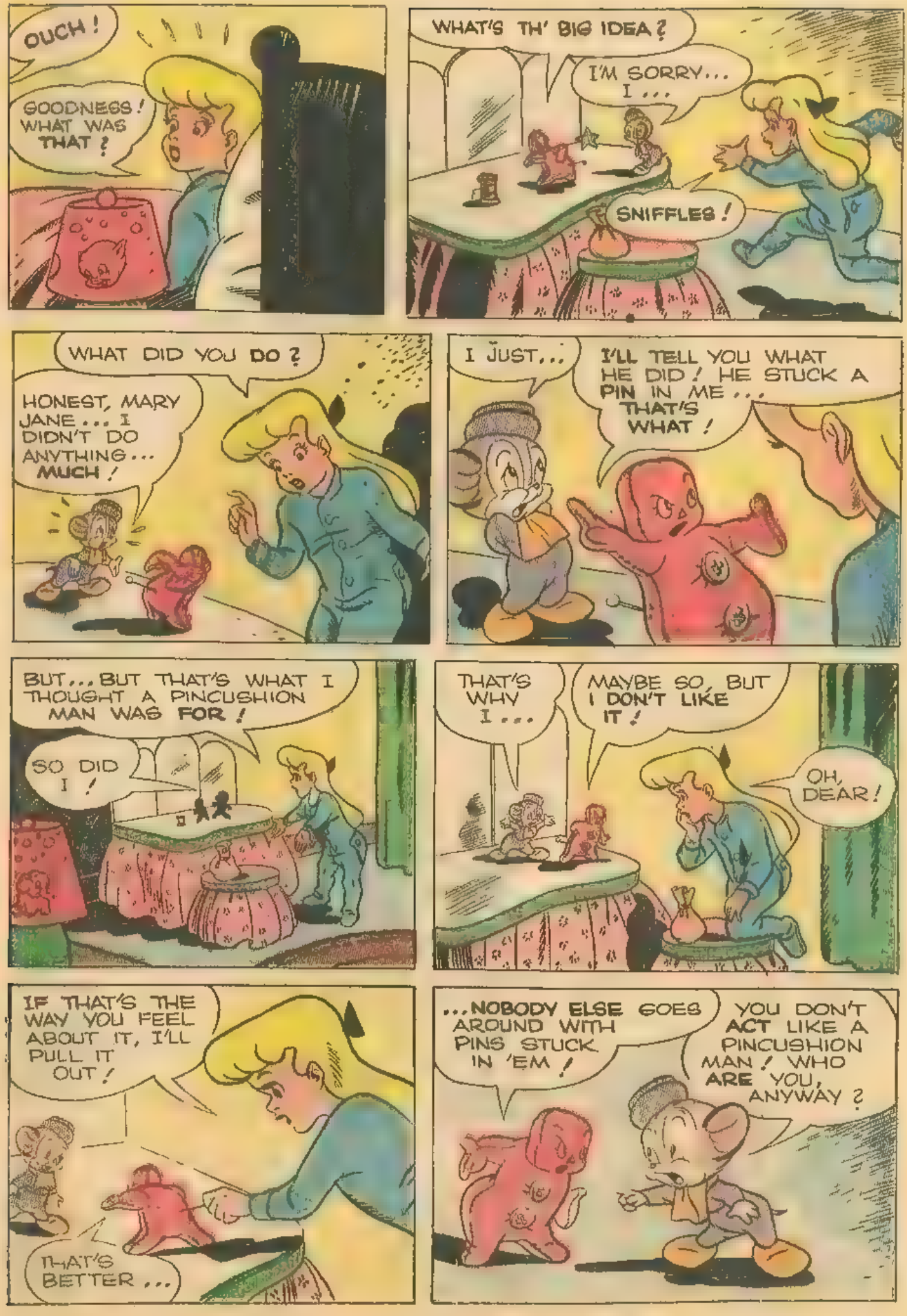
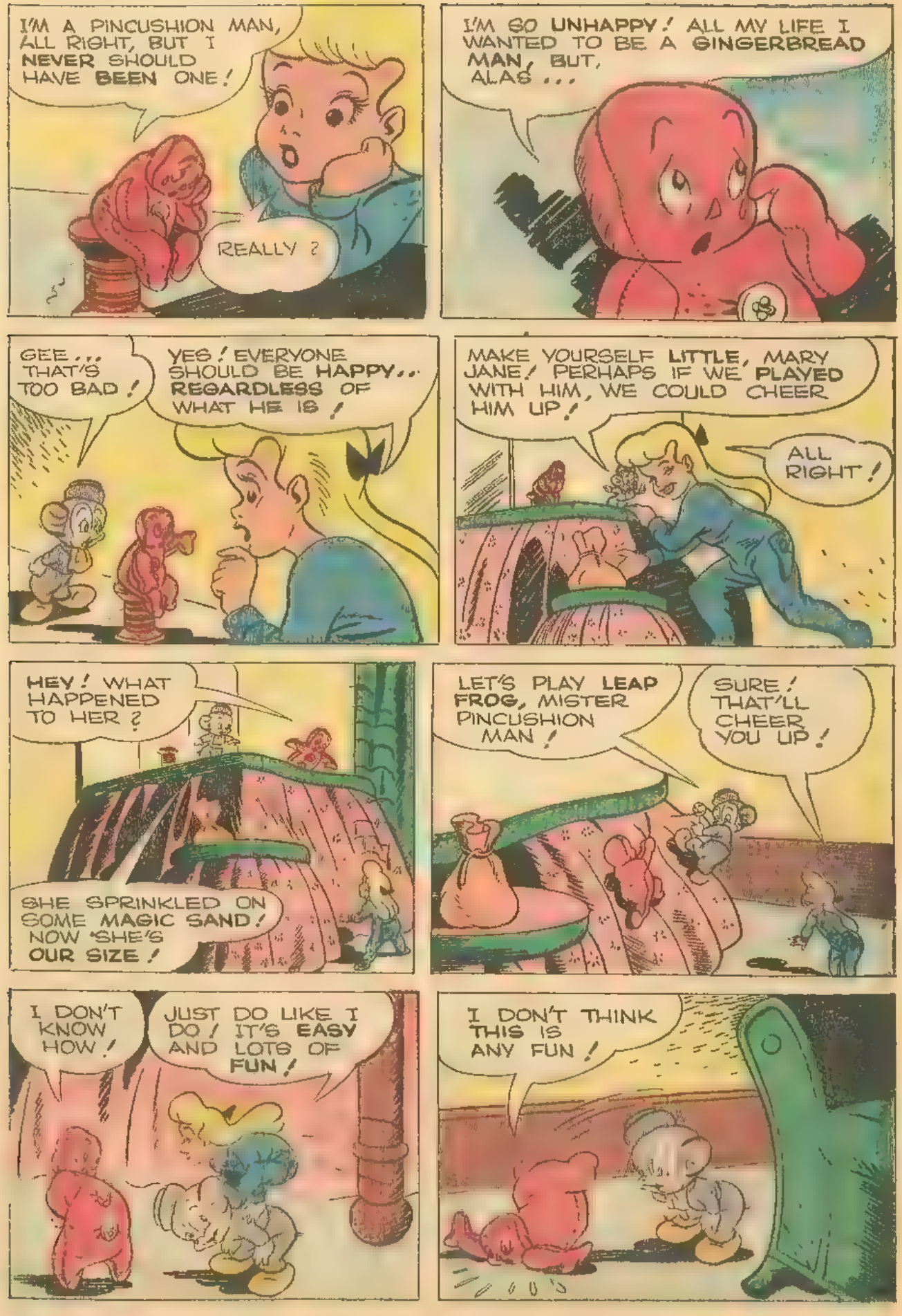
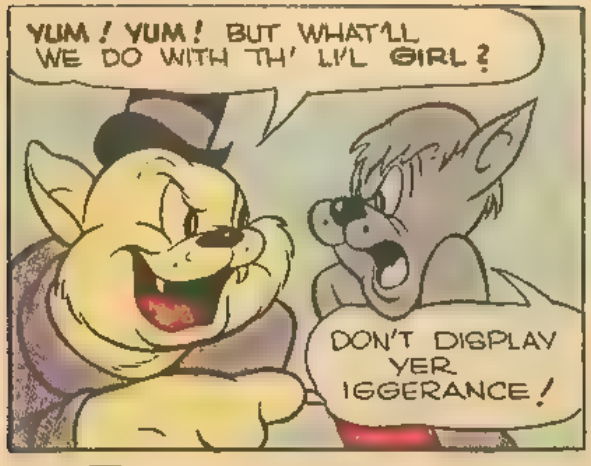
PRESENT
SNIFFLES and Mary Jane
MOMMY! DID YOU BUY ME ANYTHING AT THE STORE TODAY?
MUST I BUY YOU SOMETHING EVERY TIME I GO SHOPPING, MARY JANE?
NO, MOMMY... BUT I THOUGHT... MAYBE...
AS A MATTER OF FACT, I DID!
YOU DID?
YES! YOU NEEDED A PINCUSHION FOR YOUR ROOM, SO I BOUGHT THIS!
OH, MOMMY! A LITTLE PINCUSHION MAN! HE'S JUST DARLING!
I'M GLAD, DEAR... MERCY! I DIDN'T REALIZE IT WAS SO LATE! YOU SHOULD BE IN BED!
I'LL PUT IT ON YOUR DRESSER WHILE YOU TAKE YOUR NAP!
THANK YOU, MOMMY!
THAT'S THE CUTEST LITTLE PINCUSHION MAN I EVER SAW... HE'S SO...

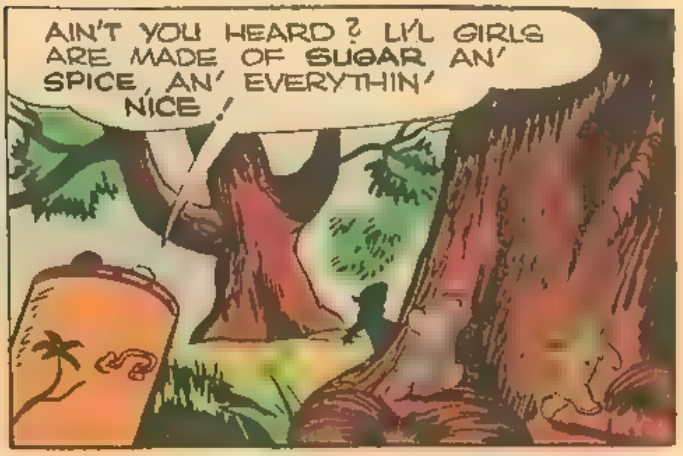

OUCH!
GOODNESS! WHAT WAS THAT?
WHAT'S TH' BIG IDEA?
I'M SORRY... I...
SNIFFLES!
WHAT DID YOU DO?
HONEST, MARY JANE... I DIDN'T DO ANYTHING... MUCH!
I JUST...
I'LL TELL YOU WHAT HE DID! HE STUCK A PIN IN ME... THAT'S WHAT!
BUT... BUT THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT A PINCUSHION MAN WAS FOR!
SO DID I!
THAT'S WHY I...
MAYBE SO, BUT I DON'T LIKE IT!
OH, DEAR!
IF THAT'S THE WAY YOU FEEL ABOUT IT, I'LL PULL IT OUT!
THAT'S BETTER...
...NOBODY ELSE GOES AROUND WITH PINS STUCK IN 'EM!
YOU DON'T ACT LIKE A PINCUSHION MAN! WHO ARE YOU, ANYWAY?


I'M A PINCUSHION MAN, ALL RIGHT, BUT I NEVER SHOULD HAVE BEEN ONE!
REALLY ?
I'M SO UNHAPPY! ALL MY LIFE I WANTED TO BE A GINGERBREAD MAN, BUT, ALAS ...
GEE... THAT'S TOO BAD!
YES! EVERYONE SHOULD BE HAPPY... REGARDLESS OF WHAT HE IS!
MAKE YOURSELF LITTLE, MARY JANE! PERHAPS IF WE PLAYED WITH HIM, WE COULD CHEER HIM UP!
ALL RIGHT!
HEY! WHAT HAPPENED TO HER ?
SHE SPRINKLED ON SOME MAGIC SAND! NOW SHE'S OUR SIZE!
LET'S PLAY LEAP FROG, MISTER PINCUSHION MAN!
SURE! THAT'LL CHEER YOU UP!
I DON'T KNOW HOW!
JUST DO LIKE I DO! IT'S EASY AND LOTS OF FUN!
I DON'T THINK THIS IS ANY FUN!

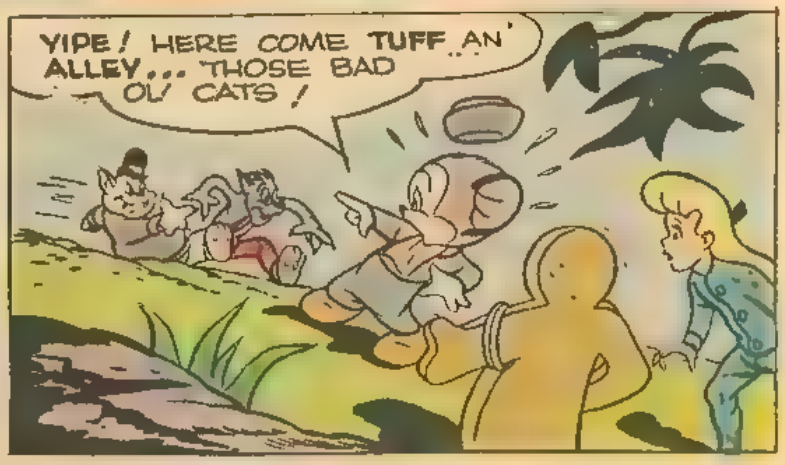
PERHAPS YOU'D LIKE TO PLAY SOMETHING ELSE ?
YES ! HOW ABOUT BLIND MAN'S BUFF !
IT'S NO USE ! I GUESS I'LL NEVER BE HAPPY !
HEY ! BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU KICK !
THAT'S A WISHING RING I GAVE MARY JANE !
OH, I'M GLAD HE FOUND IT ! I LOST IT YESTERDAY !
WHAT'S A WISHING RING ?
IT MAKES WISHES COME TRUE !
WOULD IT MAKE MY WISH COME TRUE ?
IT MIGHT ! PUT IT ON AND MAKE A WISH !
IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE ON YOUR FINGER, BUT I GUESS IT WORKS THIS WAY JUST AS WELL !
I WISH I WERE A GINGERBREAD MAN !
SNIFFLES ! LOOK !!!
GOLLY ! IT WORKED ! HE TURNED INTO A GINGERBREAD MAN !

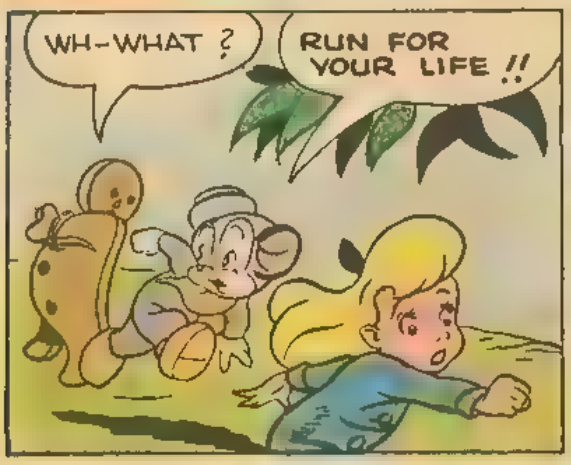
WHEE! I'M SO HAPPY, I'M GOING OUT AND SHOUT TO THE WHOLE WORLD!
LOOK AT ME! I'M A GINGERBREAD MAN!
WAIT!
I WOULDN'T DO THAT, IF I WERE YOU!
NEITHER WOULD I!
AND WHY NOT!
'CAUSE EVEN BEIN' A GINGERBREAD MAN HAS ITS DISADVANTAGES!
SNIFFLES IS RIGHT!
SOMEONE MIGHT TRY TO EAT YOU!
FIDDLE-STICKS!
Nearby...
PST, TOM! GET A LOAD OF WHAT'S COMIN' THIS WAY!
WELL, WHATTA YA KNOW... A GINGERBREAD MAN!
AN' LOOK WHO'S WITH HIM... A TASTY LI'L MOUSE!

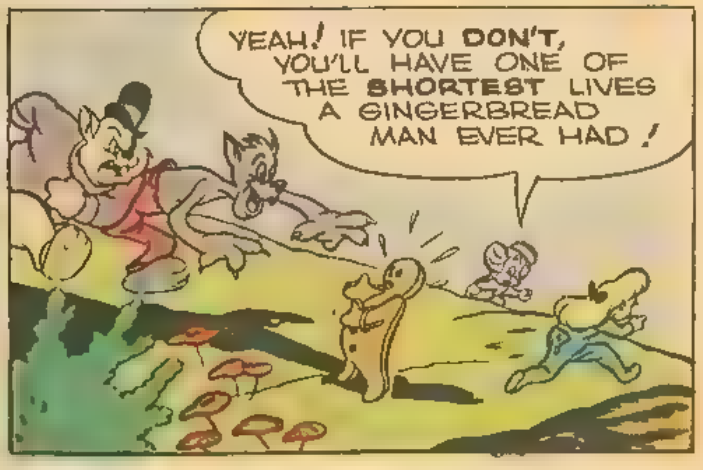

YUM! YUM! BUT WHAT'LL WE DO WITH TH' LI'L GIRL?
DON'T DISPLAY YER IGGERANCE!

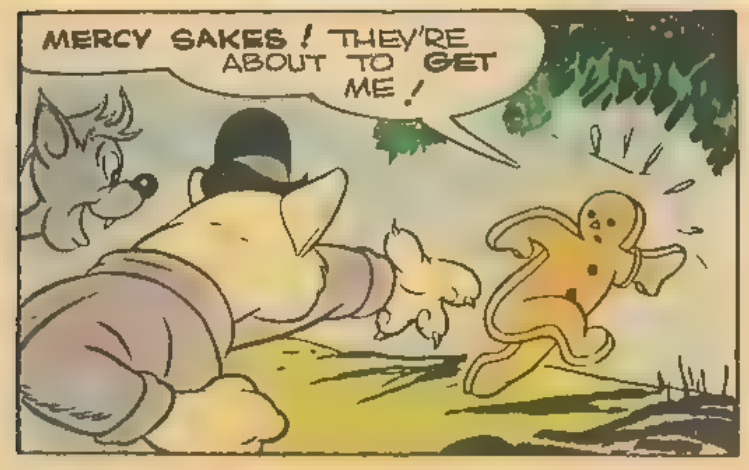

AIN'T YOU HEARD? LI'L GIRLS ARE MADE OF SUGAR AN' SPICE, AN' EVERYTHIN' NICE!

WELL, WHAT'RE WE WAITIN' FER? LET'S GO GIT 'EM!


YIPE! HERE COME TUFF AN' ALLEY... THOSE BAD OL' CATS!


WH-WHAT?
RUN FOR YOUR LIFE!!


YEAH! IF YOU DON'T, YOU'LL HAVE ONE OF THE SHORTEST LIVES A GINGERBREAD MAN EVER HAD!


MERCY SAKES! THEY'RE ABOUT TO GET ME!

I DON'T KNOW WHY I EVER WANTED TO BE A GINGERBREAD MAN IN THE FIRST PLACE!

HELP!
OH, DEAR, SNIFFLES! I'M AFRAID THEY'VE CAUGHT HIM!
LET'S GO BACK AND TRY TO HELP!
YEAH! LET'S HURRY!
LOOK! THEY'VE GOT HIM TRAPPED INSIDE THAT BIG OL' LOG!
OH, SNIFFLES! WHAT CAN WE DO TO SAVE HIM?
HELP!!
THE CATS HAVE GONE INSIDE! YOU WAIT HERE, MARY JANE!
HELP!
HELP!
YEOW-W!
MEOOOW!
FOR GOODNESS SAKES! WHAT...?
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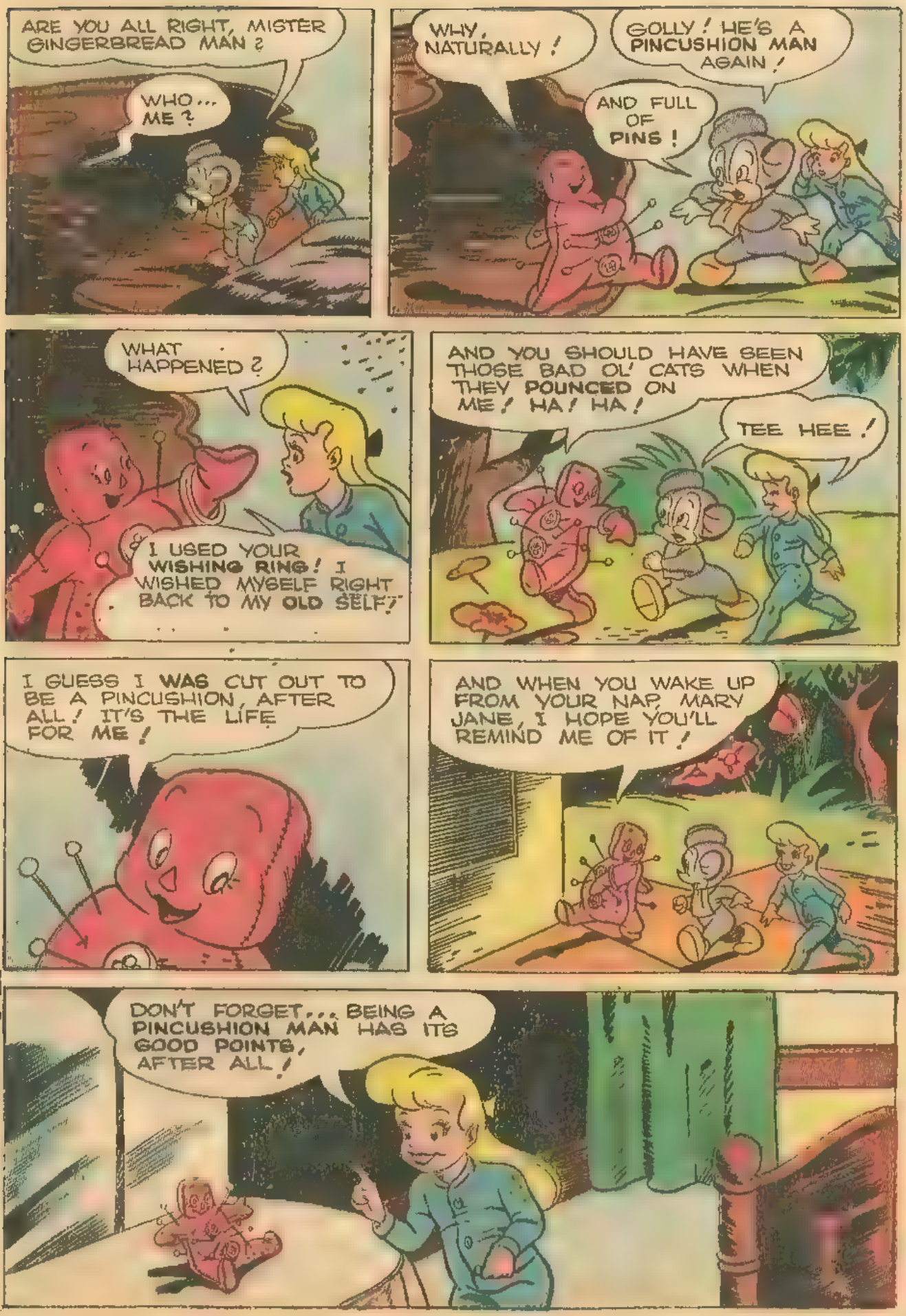
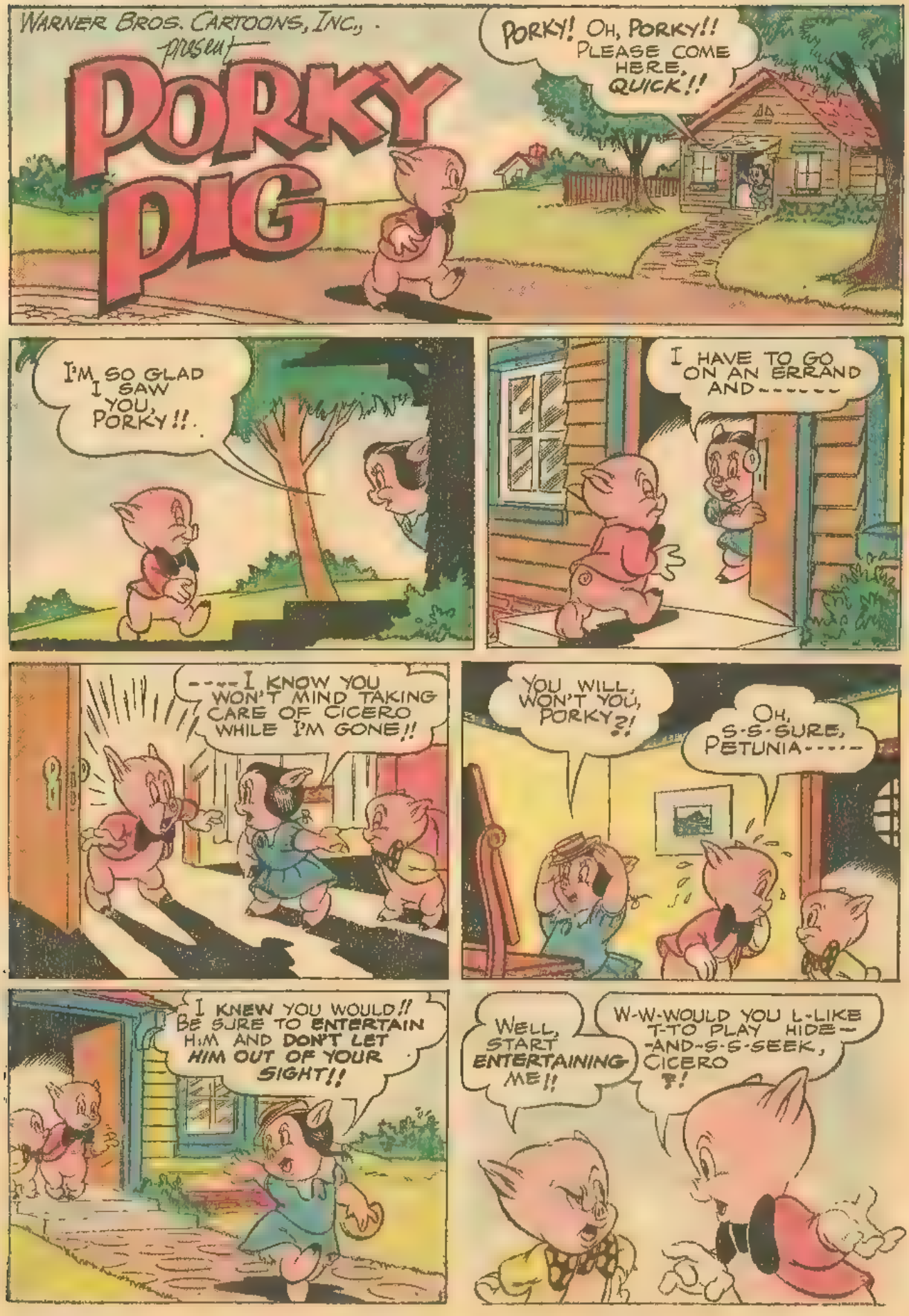
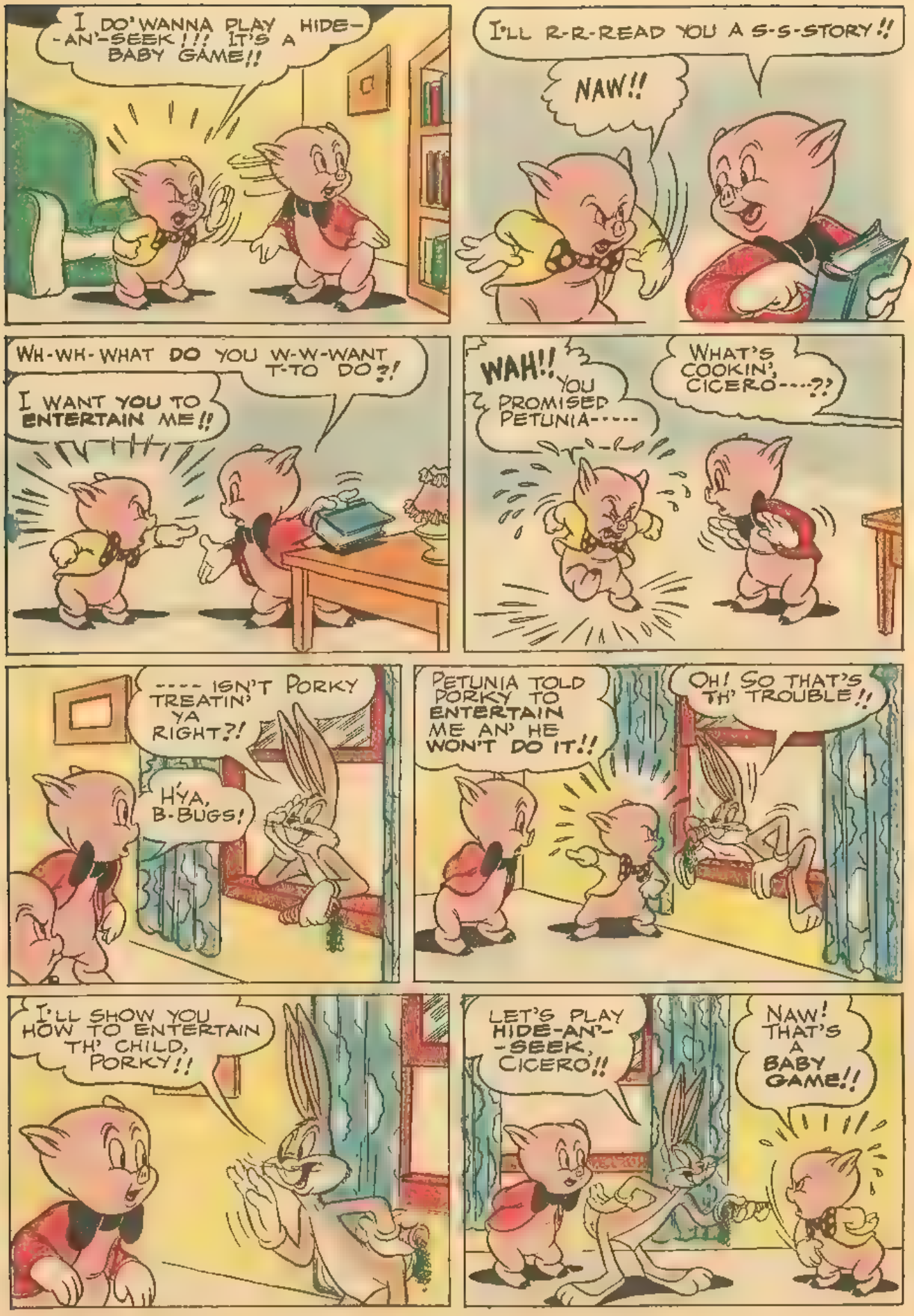
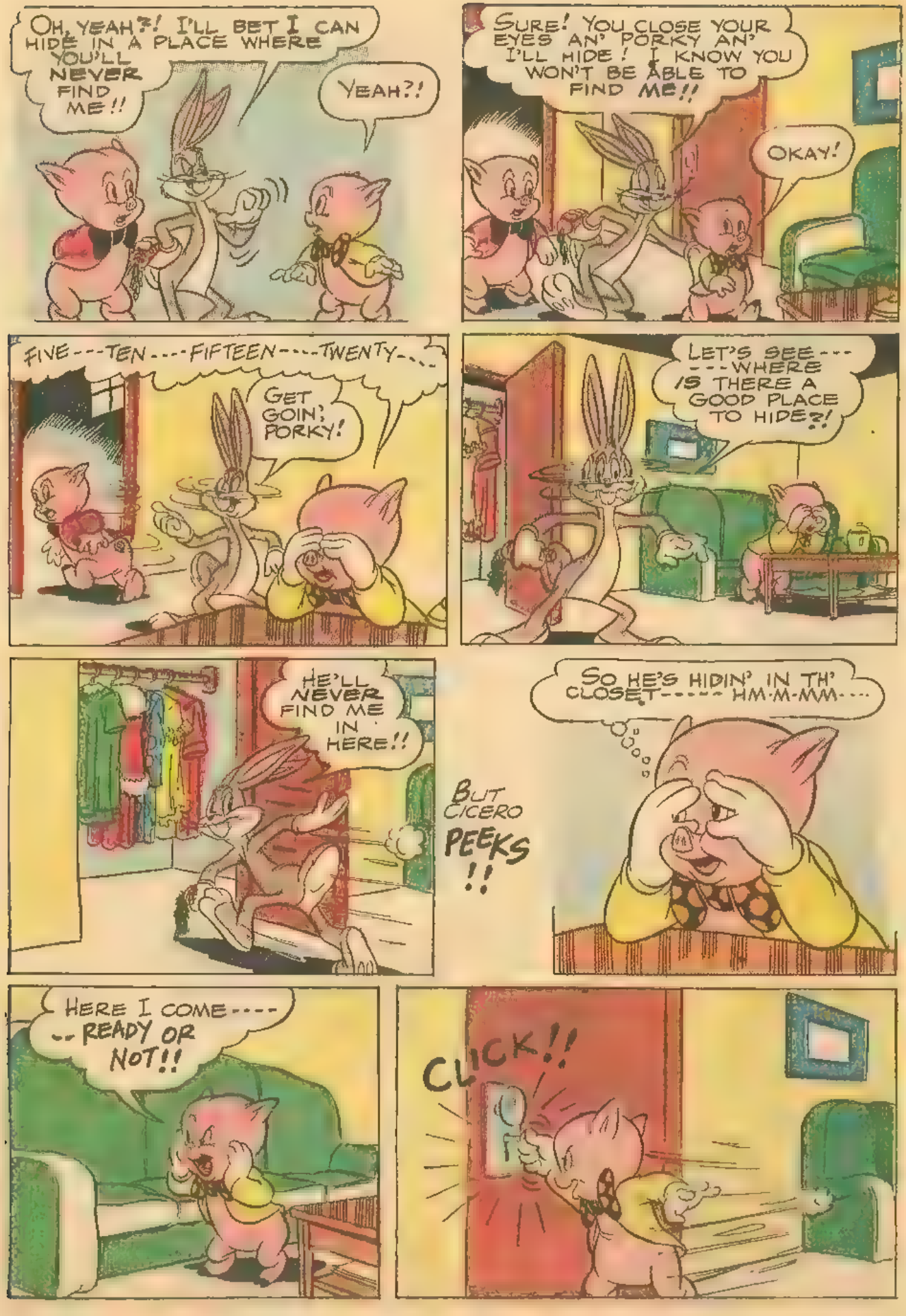
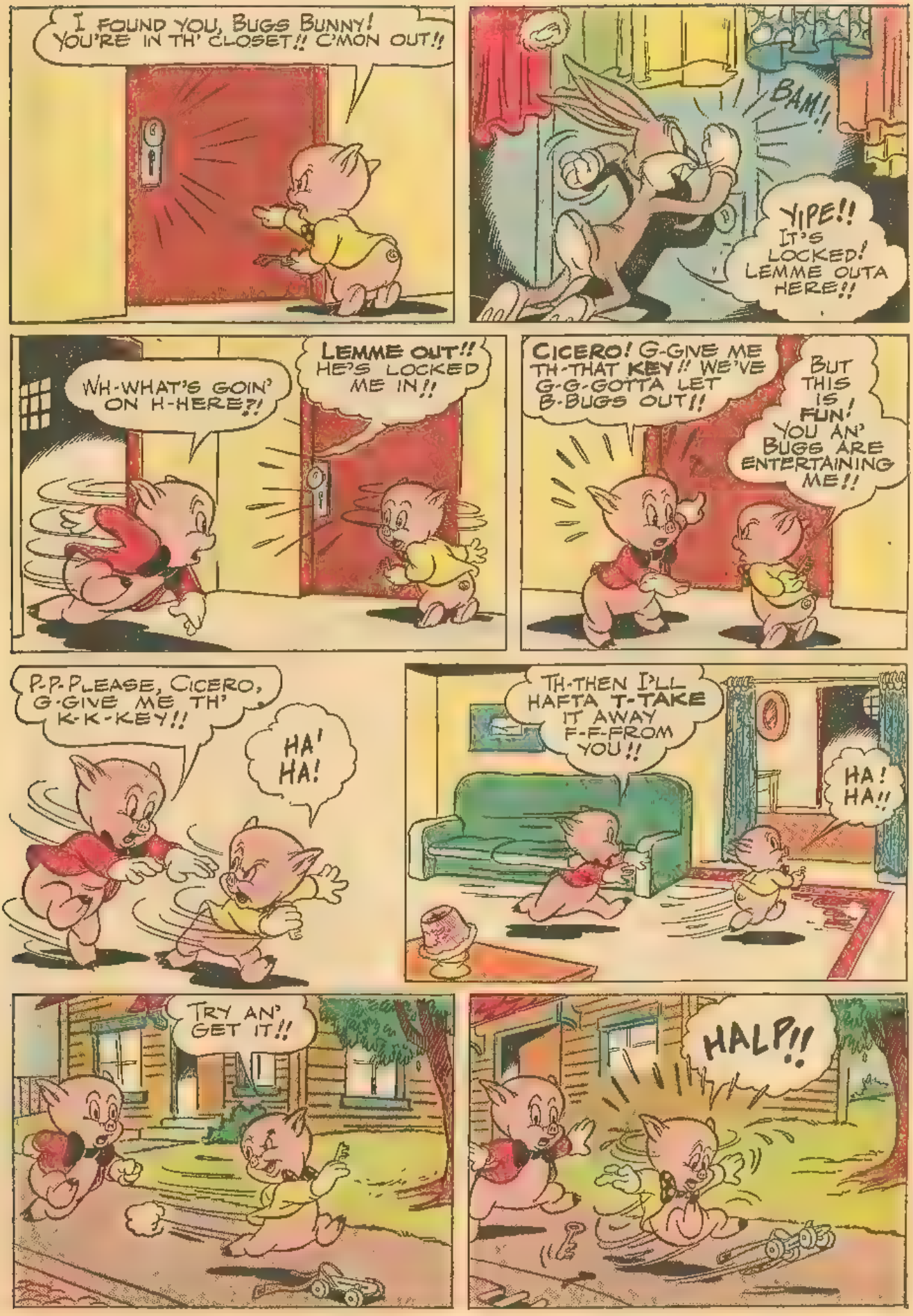
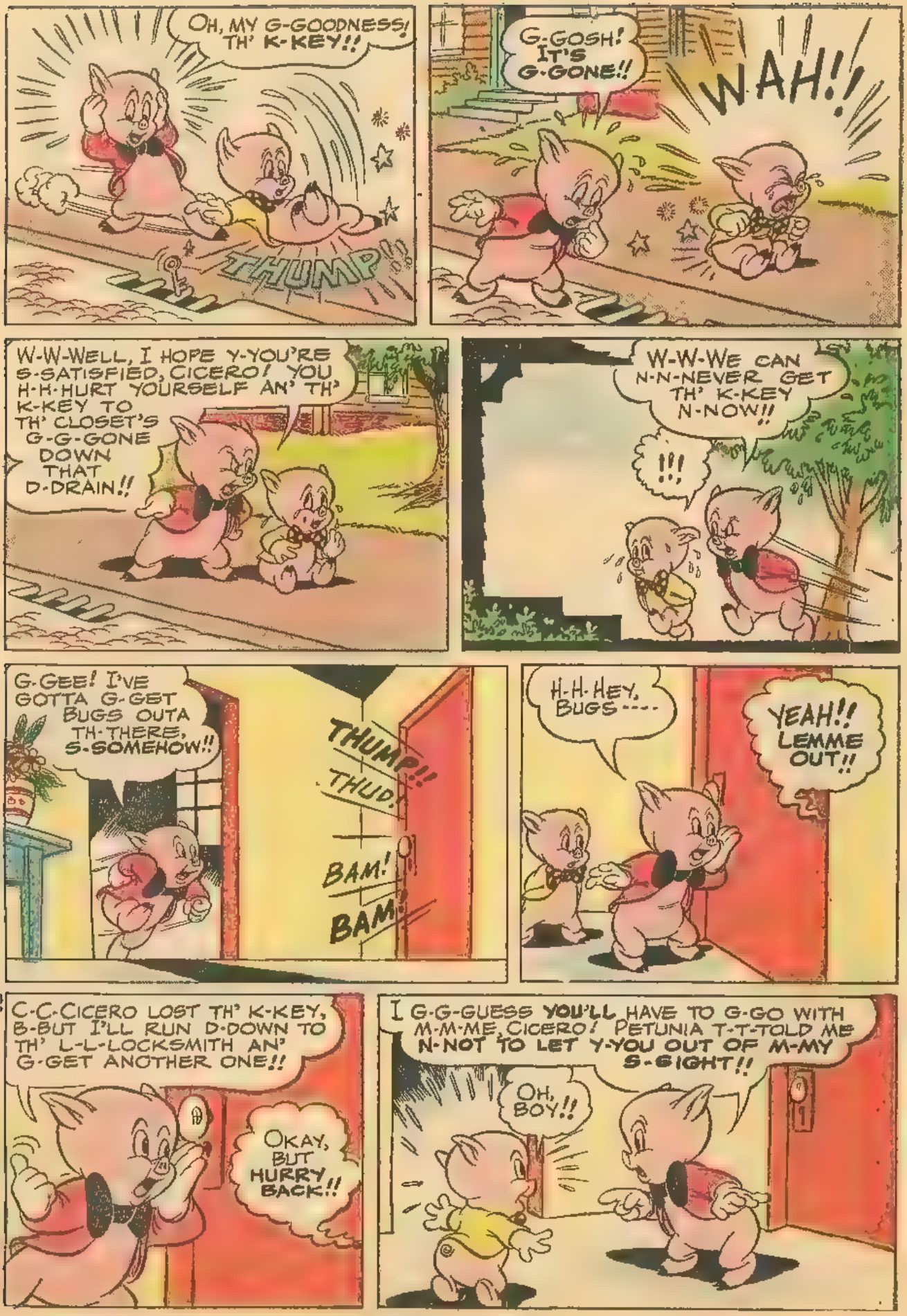

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, MISTER GINGERBREAD MAN?
WHO... ME?
WHY, NATURALLY!
GOLLY! HE'S A PINCUSHION MAN AGAIN!
AND FULL OF PINS!
WHAT HAPPENED?
I USED YOUR WISHING RING! I WISHED MYSELF RIGHT BACK TO MY OLD SELF!
AND YOU SHOULD HAVE SEEN THOSE BAD OL' CATS WHEN THEY POUNCED ON ME! HA! HA!
TEE HEE!
I GUESS I WAS CUT OUT TO BE A PINCUSHION, AFTER ALL! IT'S THE LIFE FOR ME!
AND WHEN YOU WAKE UP FROM YOUR NAP, MARY JANE, I HOPE YOU'LL REMIND ME OF IT!
DON'T FORGET... BEING A PINCUSHION MAN HAS ITS GOOD POINTS, AFTER ALL!

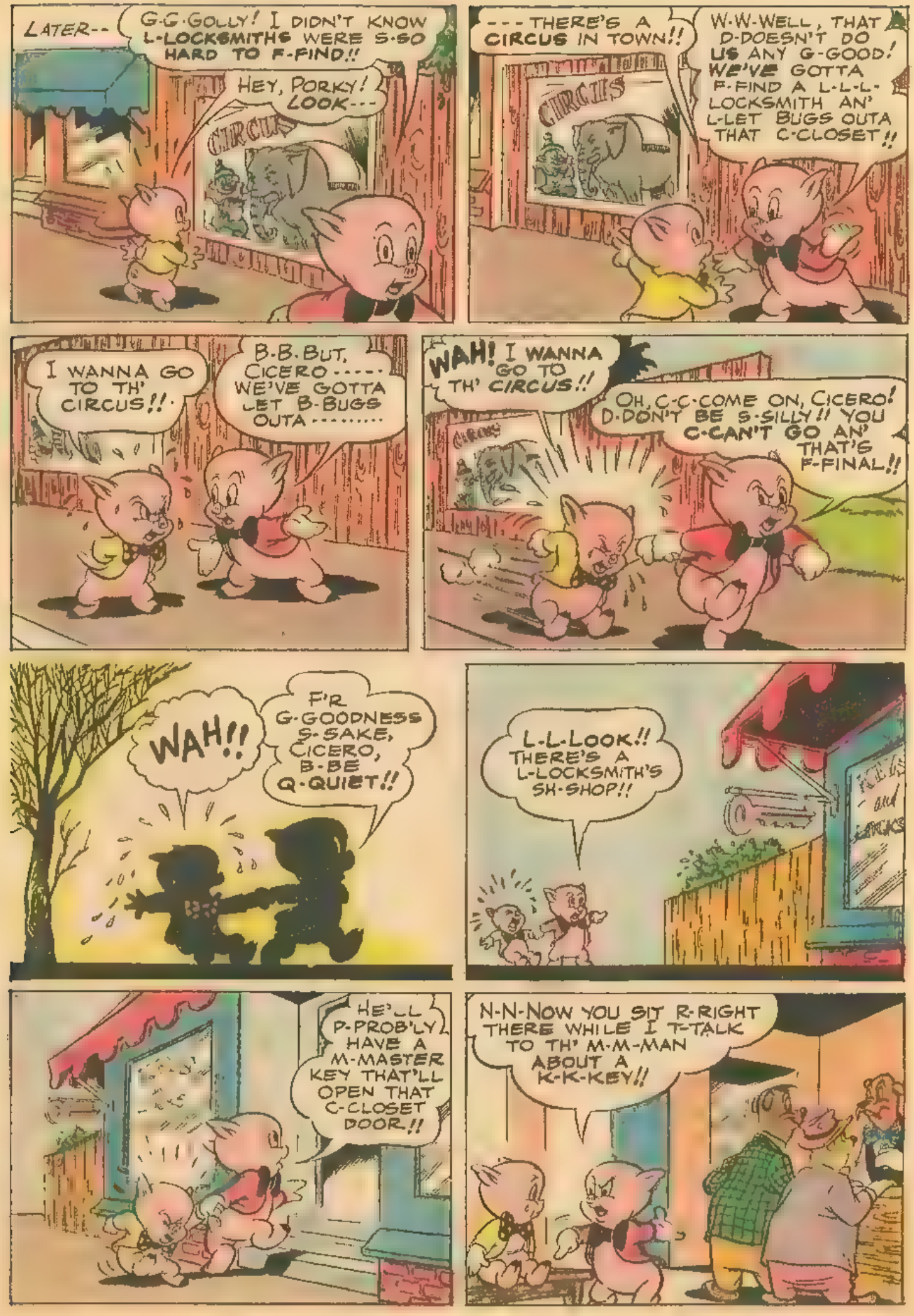

WARNER BROS. CARTOONS, INC., present
PORKY PIG
PORKY! OH, PORKY!! PLEASE COME HERE, QUICK!!
I'M SO GLAD I SAW YOU, PORKY!!
I HAVE TO GO ON AN ERRAND AND------
----I KNOW YOU WON'T MIND TAKING CARE OF CICERO WHILE I'M GONE!!
YOU WILL, WON'T YOU, PORKY?!
OH, S-S-SURE, PETUNIA----
I KNEW YOU WOULD!! BE SURE TO ENTERTAIN HIM AND DON'T LET HIM OUT OF YOUR SIGHT!!
WELL, START ENTERTAINING ME!!
W-W-WOULD YOU L-LIKE T-TO PLAY HIDE--AND-S-S-SEEK, CICERO?!

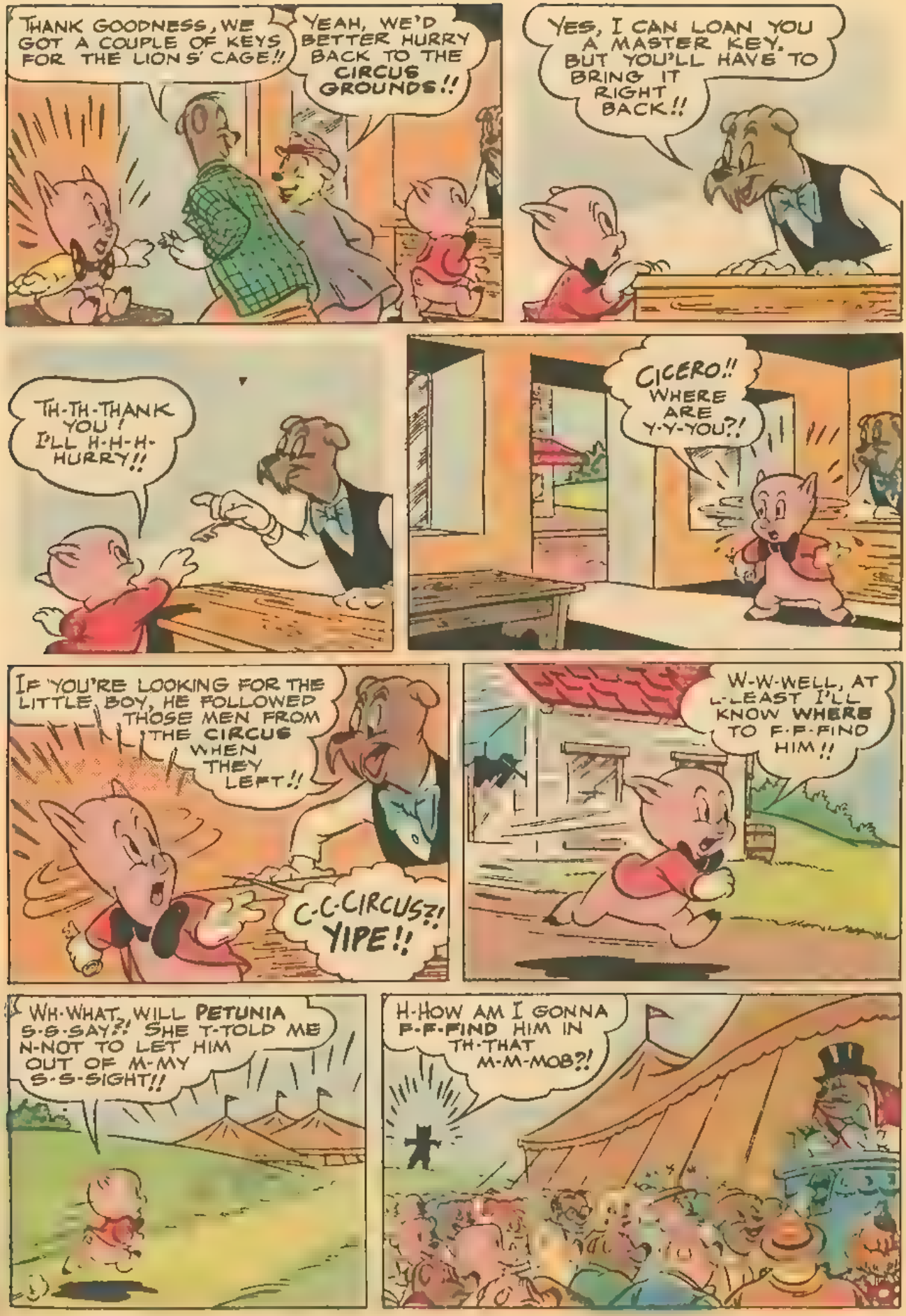

I DO'WANNA PLAY HIDE--AN'-SEEK!!! IT'S A BABY GAME!!
I'LL R-R-READ YOU A S-S-STORY!!
NAW!!
WH-WH-WHAT DO YOU W-W-WANT T-TO DO?!
I WANT YOU TO ENTERTAIN ME!!
WAH!! YOU PROMISED PETUNIA-----
WHAT'S COOKIN', CICERO----?!
---- ISN'T PORKY TREATIN' YA RIGHT?!
H'YA, B-BUGS!
PETUNIA TOLD PORKY TO ENTERTAIN ME AN' HE WON'T DO IT!!
OH! SO THAT'S TH' TROUBLE!!
I'LL SHOW YOU HOW TO ENTERTAIN TH' CHILD, PORKY!!
LET'S PLAY HIDE-AN'--SEEK, CICERO!!
NAW! THAT'S A BABY GAME!!

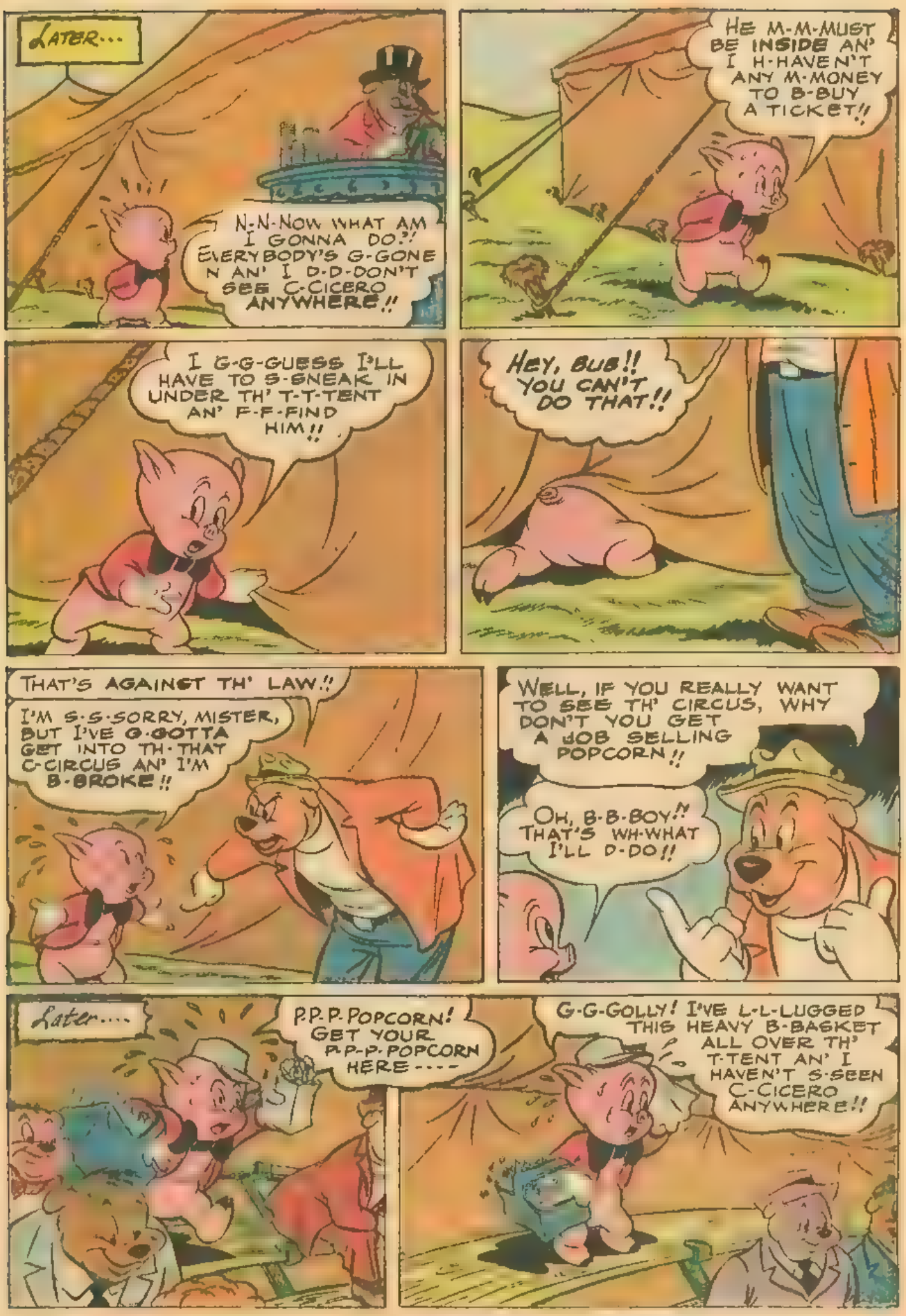

OH, YEAH?! I'LL BET I CAN HIDE IN A PLACE WHERE YOU'LL NEVER FIND ME!!
YEAH?!
SURE! YOU CLOSE YOUR EYES AN' PORKY AN' I'LL HIDE! I KNOW YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO FIND ME!!
OKAY!
FIVE---TEN----FIFTEEN----TWENTY-----
GET GOIN', PORKY!
LET'S SEE--- ---WHERE IS THERE A GOOD PLACE TO HIDE?!
HE'LL NEVER FIND ME IN HERE!!
BUT CICERO PEEKS !!
SO HE'S HIDIN' IN TH' CLOSET----- HM-M-MM----
HERE I COME---- --READY OR NOT!!
CLICK!!

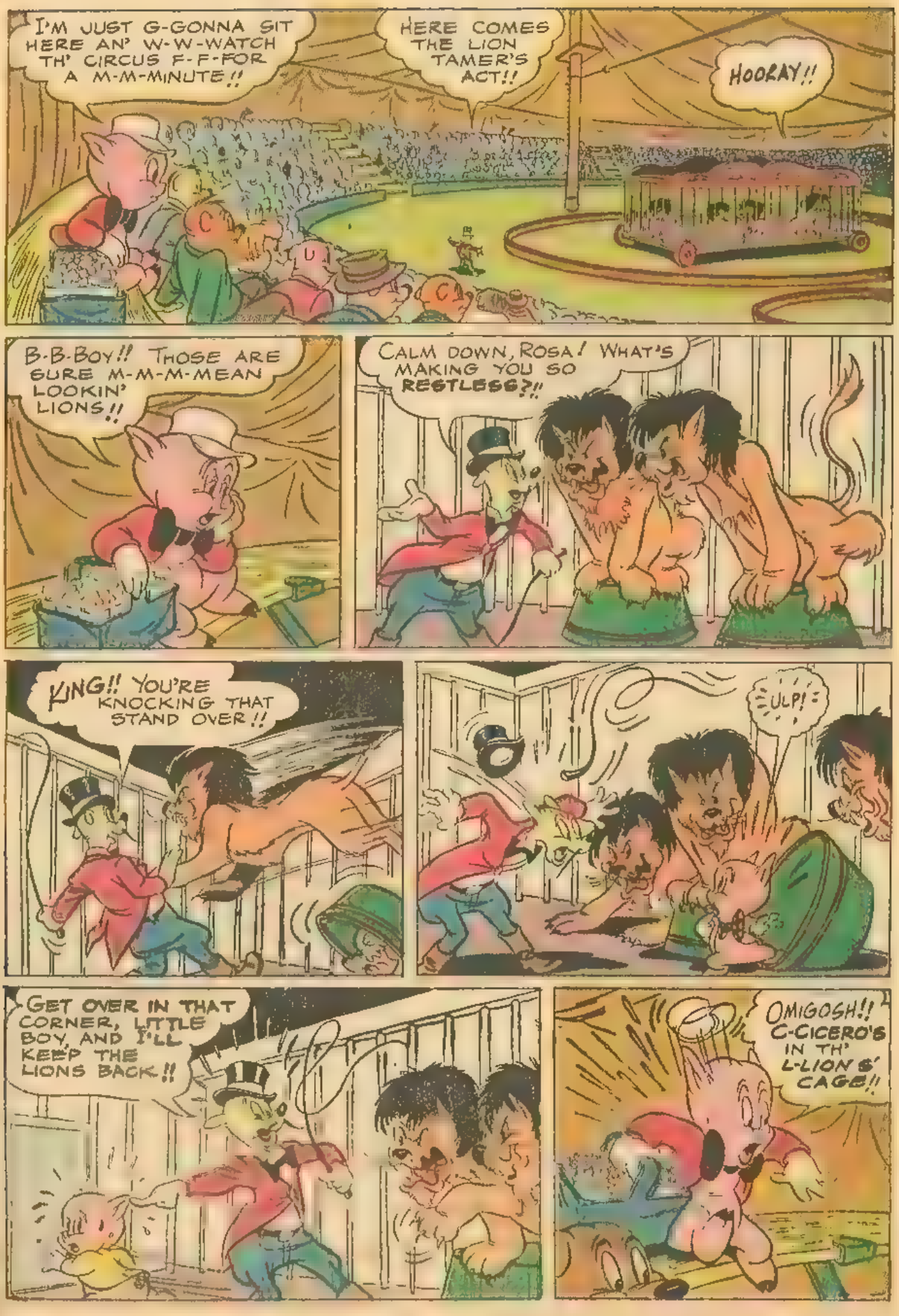

I FOUND YOU, BUGS BUNNY! YOU'RE IN TH' CLOSET!! C'MON OUT!!
BAM!!
YIPE!! IT'S LOCKED! LEMME OUTA HERE!!
WH-WHAT'S GOIN' ON H-HERE?!
LEMME OUT!! HE'S LOCKED ME IN!!
CICERO! G-GIVE ME TH-THAT KEY!! WE'VE G-G-GOTTA LET B-BUGS OUT!!
BUT THIS IS FUN! YOU AN' BUGS ARE ENTERTAINING ME!!
P-P-PLEASE, CICERO, G-GIVE ME TH' K-K-KEY!!
HA! HA!
TH-THEN I'LL HAFTA T-TAKE IT AWAY F-F-FROM YOU!!
HA! HA!!
TRY AN' GET IT!!
HALP!!

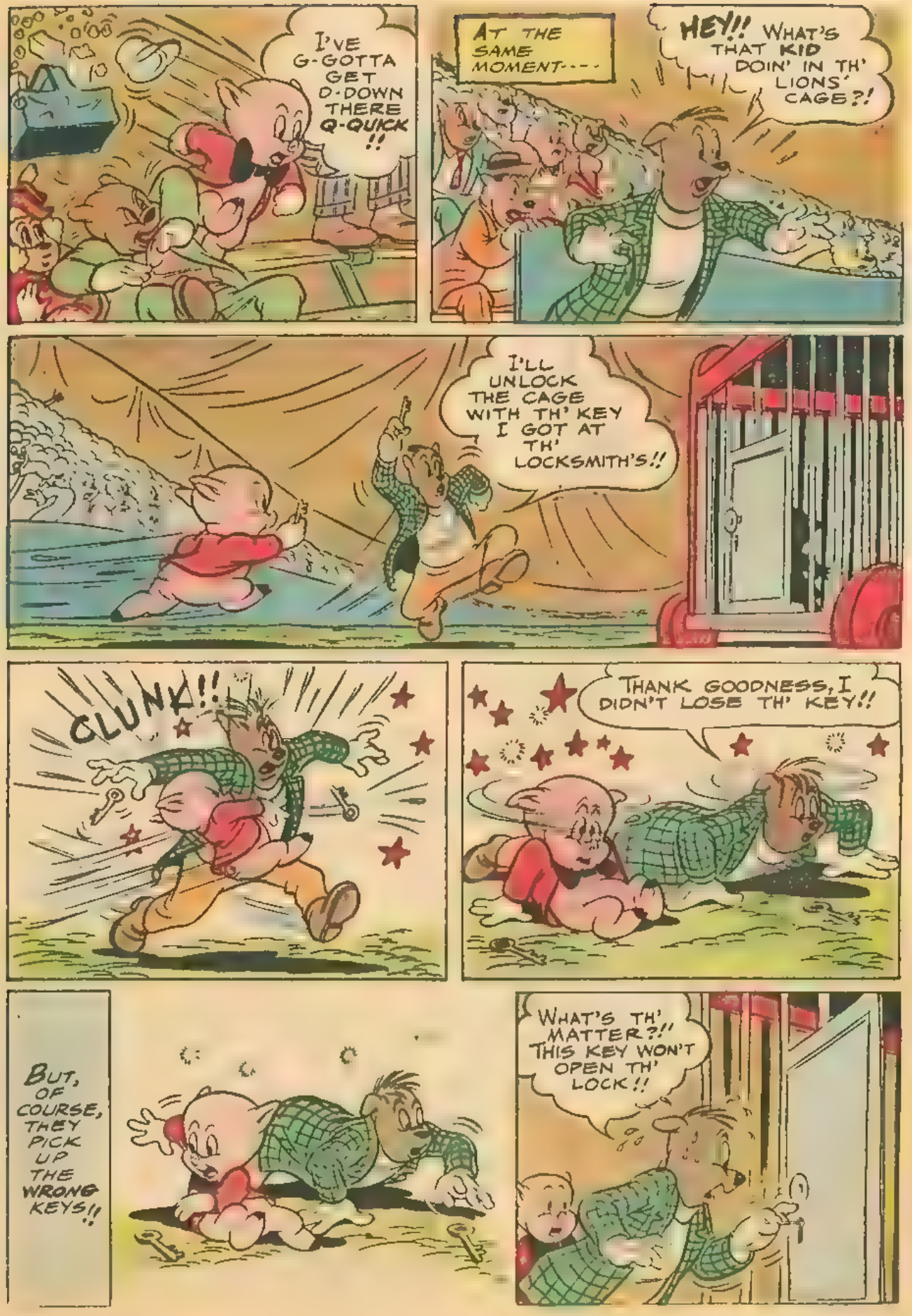

OH, MY G-GOODNESS! TH' K-KEY!!
THUMP!!
G-GOSH! IT'S G-GONE!!
WAH!!
W-W-WELL, I HOPE Y-YOU'RE S-SATISFIED, CICERO! YOU H-H-HURT YOURSELF AN' TH' K-KEY TO TH' CLOSET'S G-G-GONE DOWN THAT D-DRAIN!!
W-W-WE CAN N-N-NEVER GET TH' K-KEY N-NOW!!
!!!
G-GEE! I'VE GOTTA G-GET BUGS OUTA TH-THERE, S-SOMEHOW!!
THUMP!!
THUD!
BAM!
BAM!
H-H-HEY, BUGS----
YEAH!! LEMME OUT!!
C-C-CICERO LOST TH' K-KEY, B-BUT I'LL RUN D-DOWN TO TH' L-L-LOCKSMITH AN' G-GET ANOTHER ONE!!
OKAY, BUT HURRY BACK!!
I G-G-GUESS YOU'LL HAVE TO G-GO WITH M-M-ME, CICERO! PETUNIA T-T-TOLD ME N-NOT TO LET Y-YOU OUT OF M-MY S-SIGHT!!
OH, BOY!!

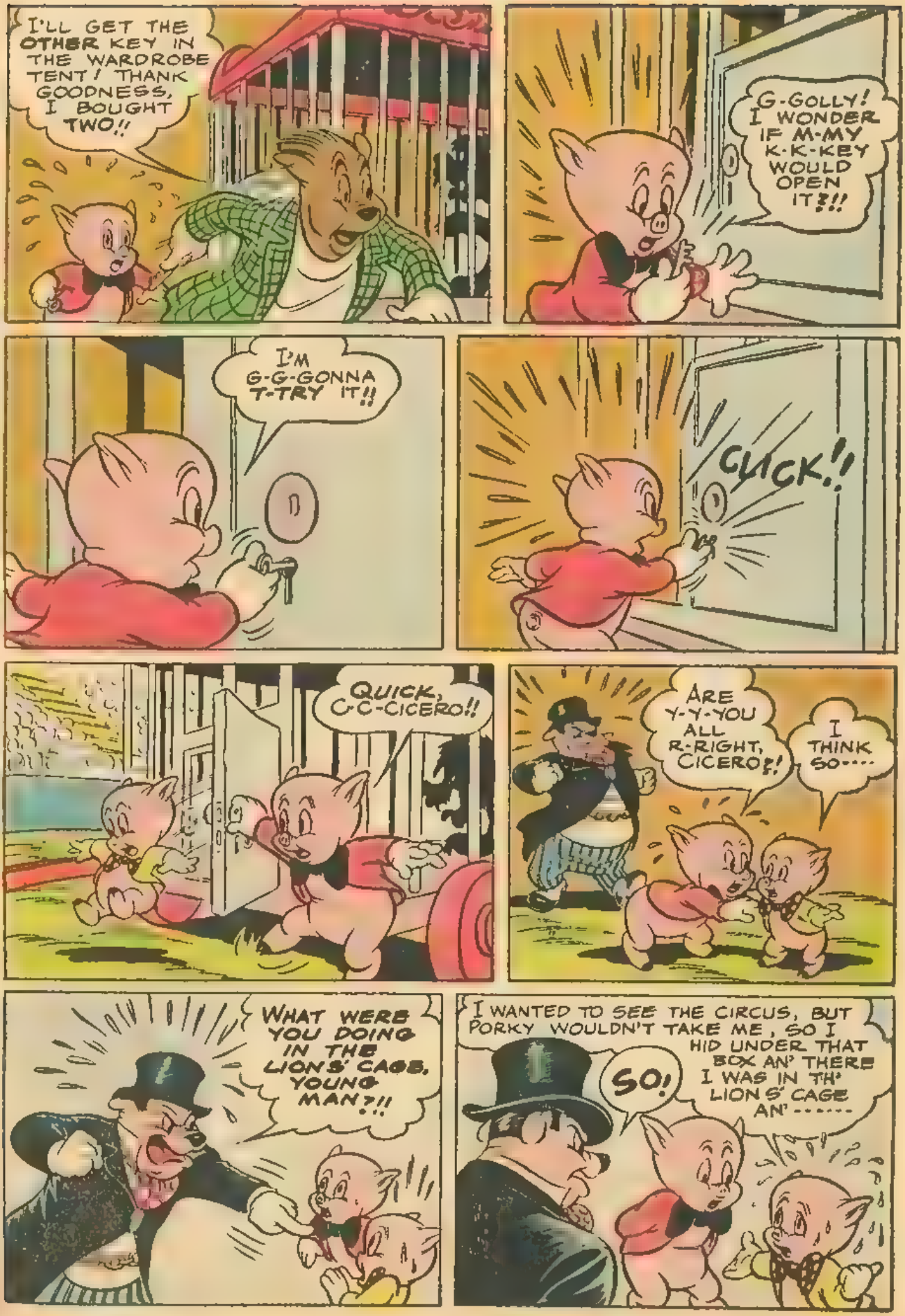

LATER--
G-G-GOLLY! I DIDN'T KNOW L-LOCKSMITHS WERE S-SO HARD TO F-FIND!!
HEY, PORKY! LOOK---
CIRCUS
---THERE'S A CIRCUS IN TOWN!!
W-W-WELL, THAT D-DOESN'T DO US ANY G-GOOD! WE'VE GOTTA F-FIND A L-L-L-LOCKSMITH AN' L-LET BUGS OUTA THAT C-CLOSET!!
I WANNA GO TO TH' CIRCUS!!
B-B-BUT, CICERO----- WE'VE GOTTA LET B-BUGS OUTA.....
WAH! I WANNA GO TO TH' CIRCUS!!
OH, C-C-COME ON, CICERO! D-DON'T BE S-SILLY!! YOU C-CAN'T GO AN' THAT'S F-FINAL!!
WAH!!
F'R G-GOODNESS S-SAKE, CICERO, B-BE Q-QUIET!!
L-L-LOOK!! THERE'S A L-LOCKSMITH'S SH-SHOP!!
HE'LL P-PROB'LY HAVE A M-MASTER KEY THAT'LL OPEN THAT C-CLOSET DOOR!!
N-N-NOW YOU SIT R-RIGHT THERE WHILE I T-TALK TO TH' M-M-MAN ABOUT A K-K-KEY!!

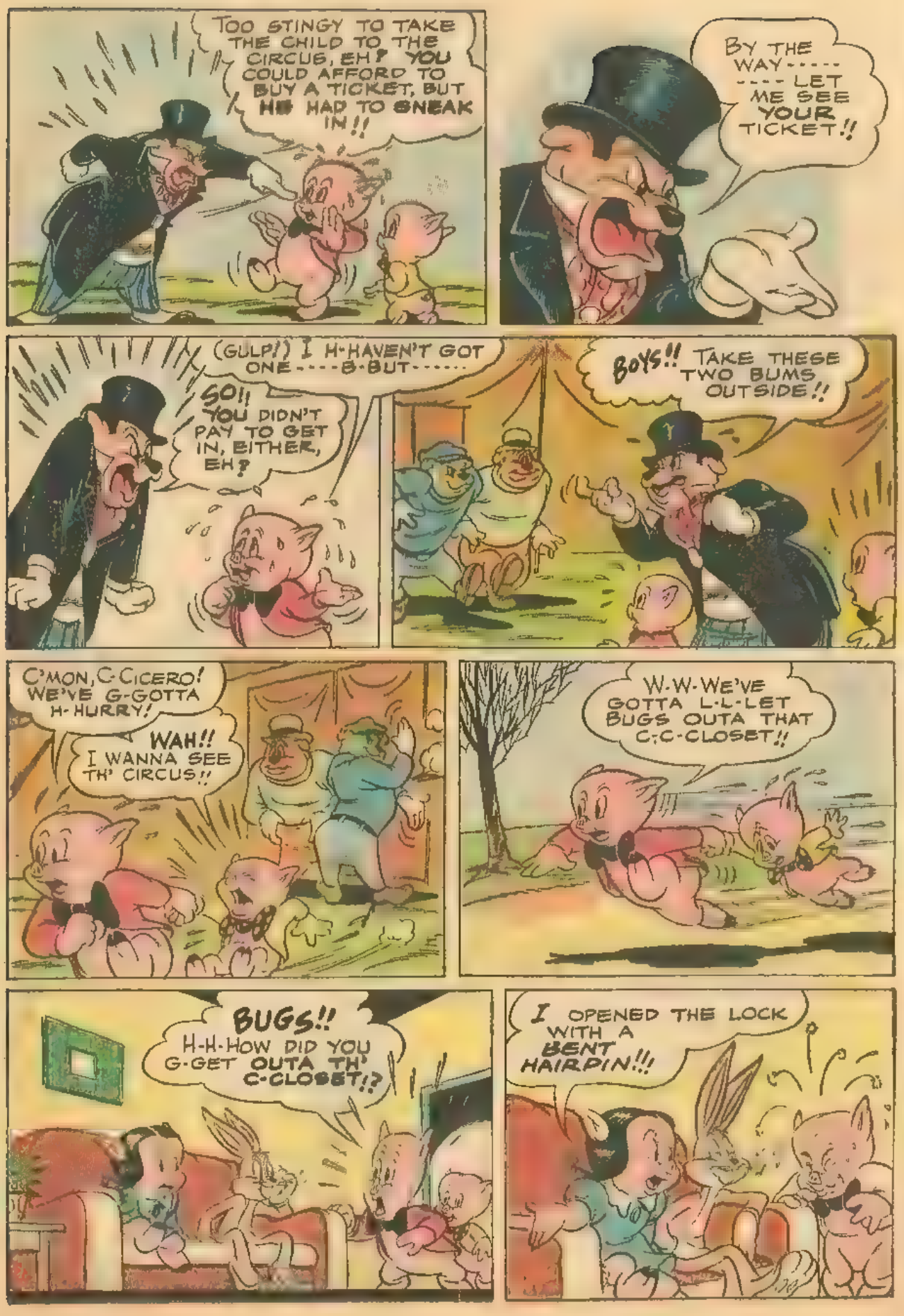

THANK GOODNESS, WE GOT A COUPLE OF KEYS FOR THE LION'S' CAGE!!
YEAH, WE'D BETTER HURRY BACK TO THE CIRCUS GROUNDS!!
YES, I CAN LOAN YOU A MASTER KEY, BUT YOU'LL HAVE TO BRING IT RIGHT BACK!!
TH-TH-THANK YOU! I'LL H-H-H-HURRY!!
CICERO!! WHERE ARE Y-Y-YOU?!
IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR THE LITTLE BOY, HE FOLLOWED THOSE MEN FROM THE CIRCUS WHEN THEY LEFT!!
C-C-CIRCUS?! YIPE!!
W-W-WELL, AT L-LEAST I'LL KNOW WHERE TO F-F-FIND HIM!!
WH-WHAT WILL PETUNIA S-S-SAY?! SHE T-TOLD ME N-NOT TO LET HIM OUT OF M-MY S-S-SIGHT!!
H-HOW AM I GONNA F-F-FIND HIM IN TH-THAT M-M-MOB?!


LATER...
N-N-NOW WHAT AM I GONNA DO?! EVERYBODY'S G-GONE N AN' I D-D-DON'T SEE C-CICERO ANYWHERE!!
HE M-M-MUST BE INSIDE AN' I H-HAVEN'T ANY M-MONEY TO B-BUY A TICKET!!
I G-G-GUESS I'LL HAVE TO S-SNEAK IN UNDER TH' T-T-TENT AN' F-F-FIND HIM!!
HEY, BUB!! YOU CAN'T DO THAT!!
THAT'S AGAINST TH' LAW!!
I'M S-S-SORRY, MISTER, BUT I'VE G-GOTTA GET INTO TH-THAT C-CIRCUS AN' I'M B-BROKE!!
WELL, IF YOU REALLY WANT TO SEE TH' CIRCUS, WHY DON'T YOU GET A JOB SELLING POPCORN!!
OH, B-B-BOY!! THAT'S WH-WHAT I'LL D-DO!!
LATER....
P-P-P-POPCORN! GET YOUR P-P-P-POPCORN HERE----
G-G-GOLLY! I'VE L-L-LUGGED THIS HEAVY B-BASKET ALL OVER TH' T-TENT AN' I HAVEN'T S-SEEN C-CICERO ANYWHERE!!

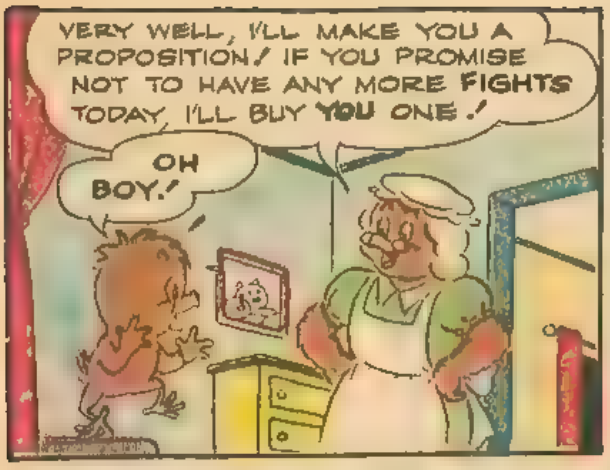

I'M JUST G-GONNA SIT HERE AN' W-W-WATCH TH' CIRCUS F-F-FOR A M-M-MINUTE!!
HERE COMES THE LION TAMER'S ACT!!
HOORAY!!
B-B-BOY!! THOSE ARE SURE M-M-M-MEAN LOOKIN' LIONS!!
CALM DOWN, ROSA! WHAT'S MAKING YOU SO RESTLESS?!!
KING!! YOU'RE KNOCKING THAT STAND OVER!!
ULP!
GET OVER IN THAT CORNER, LITTLE BOY, AND I'LL KEEP THE LIONS BACK!!
OMIGOSH!! C-CICERO'S IN TH' L-LION'S' CAGE!!

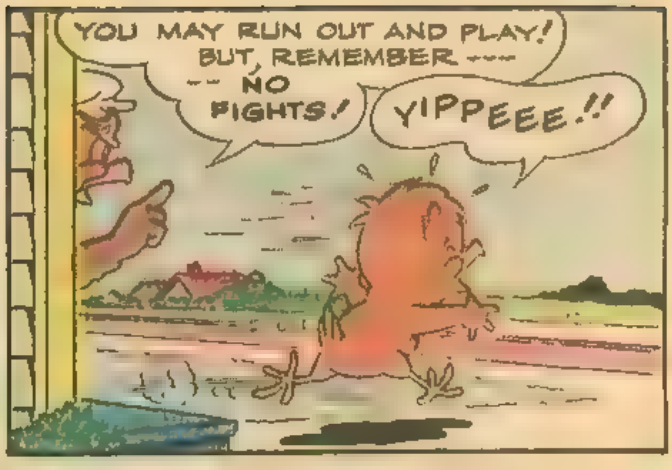

I'VE G-GOTTA GET D-DOWN THERE Q-QUICK !!
AT THE SAME MOMENT----
HEY!! WHAT'S THAT KID DOIN' IN TH' LIONS' CAGE?!
I'LL UNLOCK THE CAGE WITH TH' KEY I GOT AT TH' LOCKSMITH'S!!
CLUNK!!
THANK GOODNESS, I DIDN'T LOSE TH' KEY!!
BUT, OF COURSE, THEY PICK UP THE WRONG KEYS!!
WHAT'S TH' MATTER?! THIS KEY WON'T OPEN TH' LOCK!!

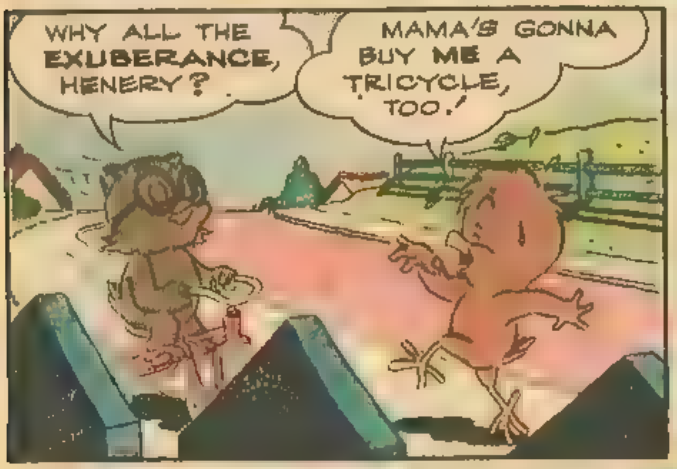

I'LL GET THE OTHER KEY IN THE WARDROBE TENT! THANK GOODNESS, I BOUGHT TWO!!
G-GOLLY! I WONDER IF M-MY K-K-KEY WOULD OPEN IT?!!
I'M G-G-GONNA T-TRY IT!!
CLICK!!
QUICK, C-C-CICERO!!
ARE Y-Y-YOU ALL R-RIGHT, CICERO?!
I THINK SO....
WHAT WERE YOU DOING IN THE LION'S CAGE, YOUNG MAN?!!
I WANTED TO SEE THE CIRCUS, BUT PORKY WOULDN'T TAKE ME, SO I HID UNDER THAT BOX AN' THERE I WAS IN TH' LION'S CAGE AN' .....
SO!

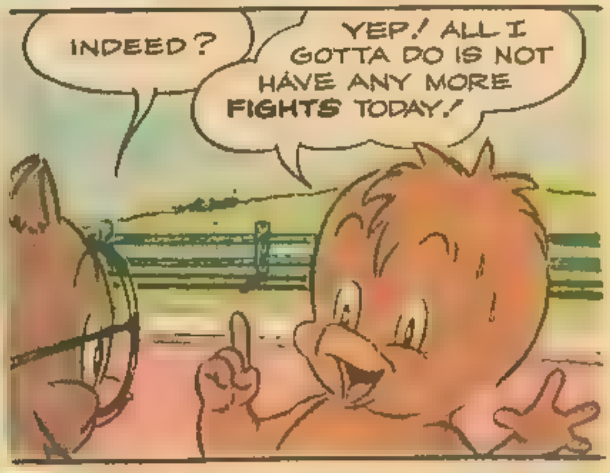

TOO STINGY TO TAKE THE CHILD TO THE CIRCUS, EH? YOU COULD AFFORD TO BUY A TICKET, BUT HE HAD TO SNEAK IN!!
BY THE WAY----- ---- LET ME SEE YOUR TICKET!!
(GULP!) I H-HAVEN'T GOT ONE----B-BUT-----
SO!! YOU DIDN'T PAY TO GET IN, EITHER, EH?
BOYS!! TAKE THESE TWO BUMS OUTSIDE!!
C'MON, C-CICERO! WE'VE G-GOTTA H-HURRY!
WAH!! I WANNA SEE TH' CIRCUS!!
W-W-WE'VE GOTTA L-L-LET BUGS OUTA THAT C-C-CLOSET!!
BUGS!! H-H-HOW DID YOU G-GET OUTA TH' C-CLOSET!?
I OPENED THE LOCK WITH A BENT HAIRPIN!!!

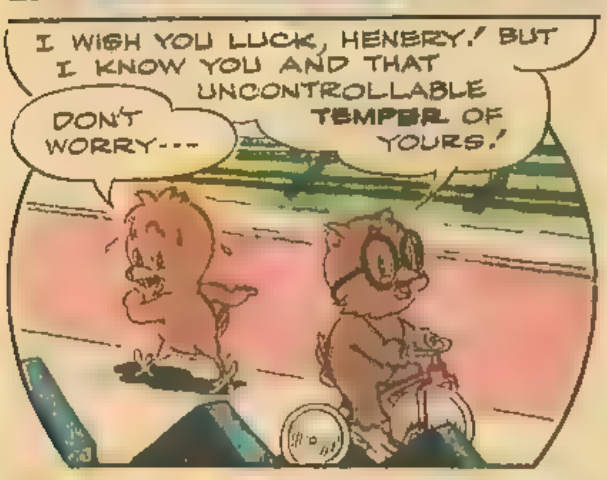
WARNER BROS. CARTOONS, INC. PRESENT
HENERY HAWK
HENERY! HENERY!
HENERY CAN'T PLAY WITH YOU RIGHT NOW, OLLIE!
HE'S BEING PUNISHED!!
OH, DEAR! WHAT HAS HE DONE NOW, MISSUS HAWK?
HE'S BEEN FIGHTING AGAIN, SO I'M MAKING HIM STAND IN THE CORNER!
THAT'S TOO BAD! I WANTED TO SHOW HIM MY NEW TRICYCLE!
OH BOY! IT'S A PIP!
HENERY!
YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO BE STANDING IN THE CORNER!
GEE WHIZ! I JUST WANTED TO SEE OLLIE'S TRICYCLE!
OLLIE'S PARENTS BUY HIM NICE, WHOLESOME TOYS TO PLAY WITH! NO WONDER HE DOESN'T GET INTO TROUBLE!

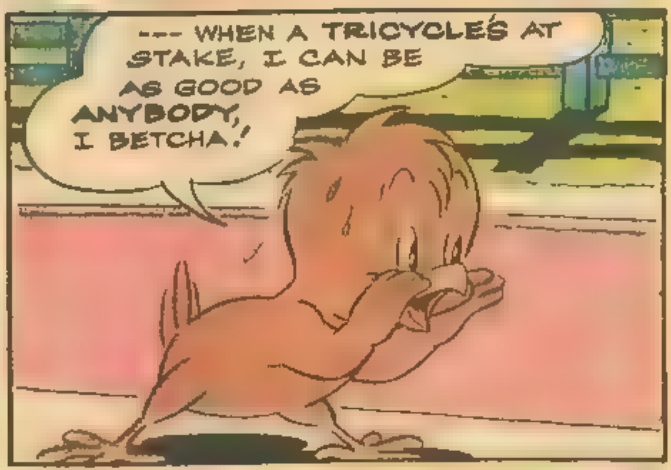

VERY WELL, I'LL MAKE YOU A PROPOSITION! IF YOU PROMISE NOT TO HAVE ANY MORE FIGHTS TODAY, I'LL BUY YOU ONE!
OH BOY!

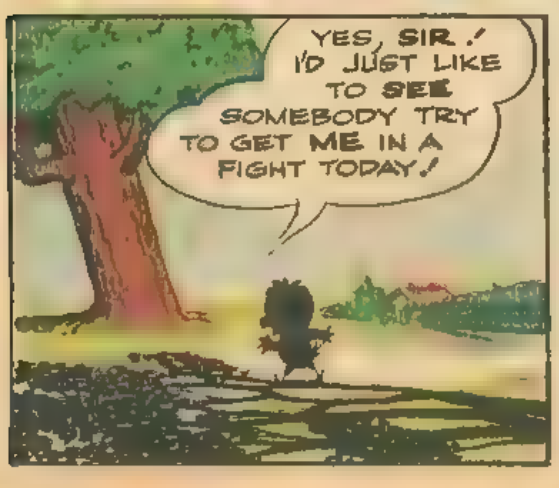

YOU MAY RUN OUT AND PLAY! BUT, REMEMBER ---- -- NO FIGHTS!
YIPPEEE!!

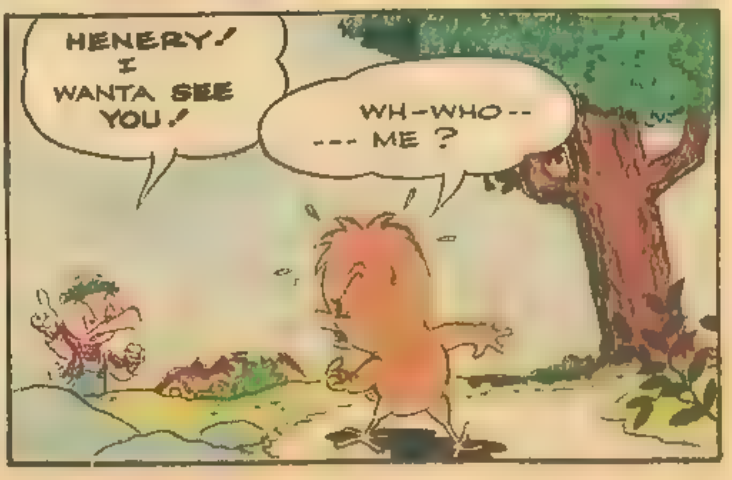

WHY ALL THE EXUBERANCE, HENERY?
MAMA'S GONNA BUY ME A TRICYCLE, TOO!


INDEED?
YEP! ALL I GOTTA DO IS NOT HAVE ANY MORE FIGHTS TODAY!

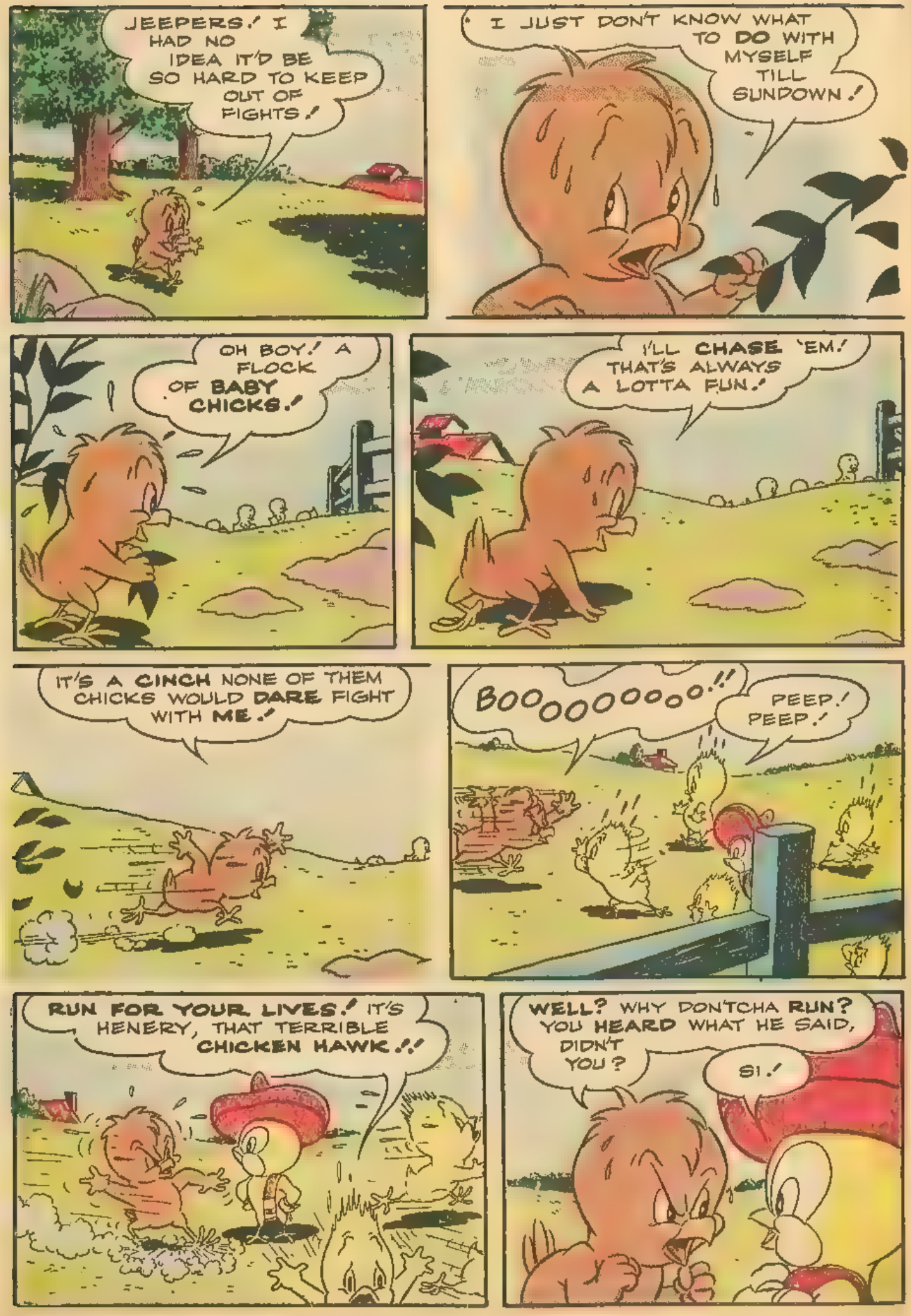

I WISH YOU LUCK, HENERY! BUT I KNOW YOU AND THAT UNCONTROLLABLE TEMPER OF YOURS!
DON'T WORRY---

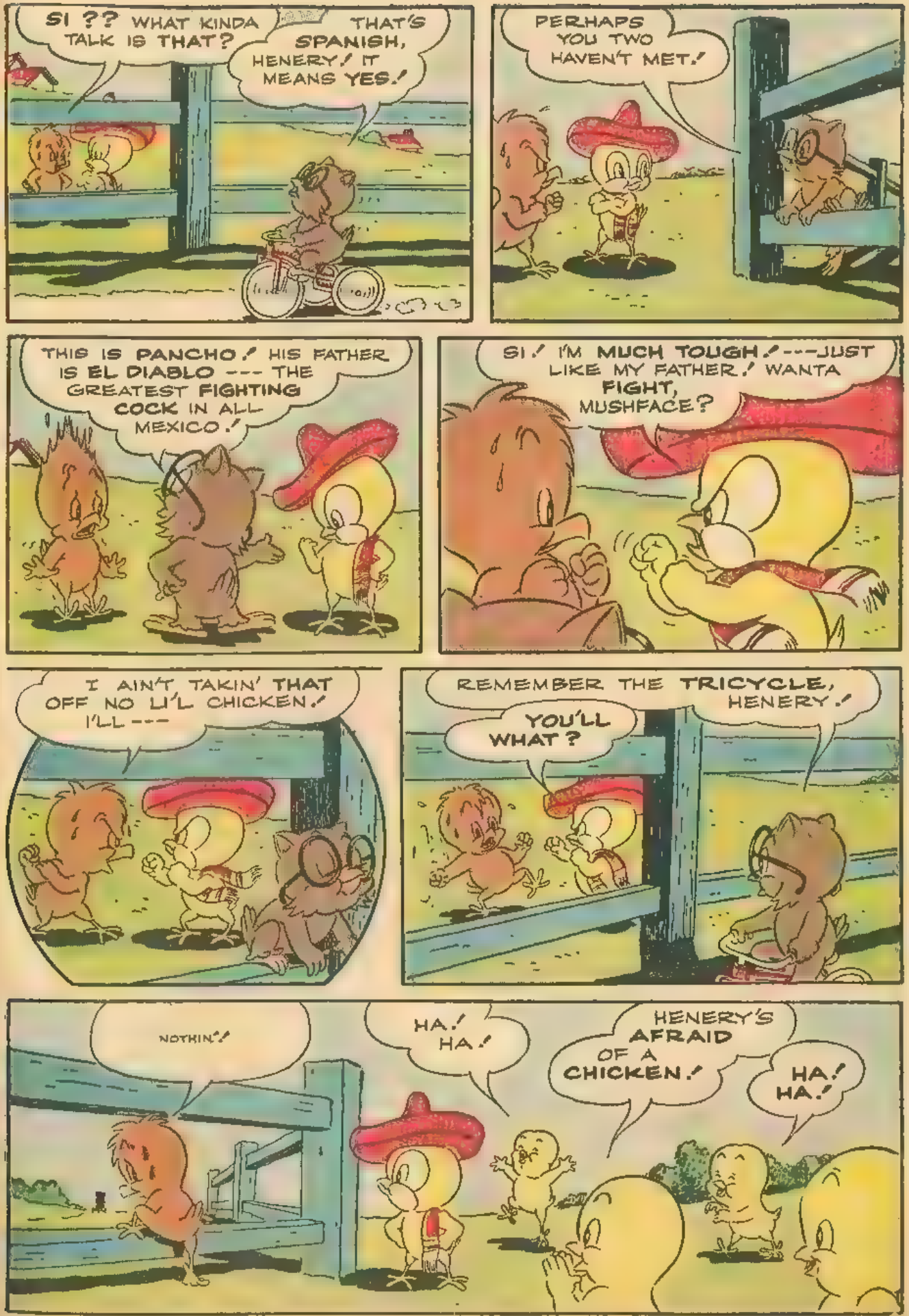

--- WHEN A TRICYCLE'S AT STAKE, I CAN BE AS GOOD AS ANYBODY, I BETCHA!

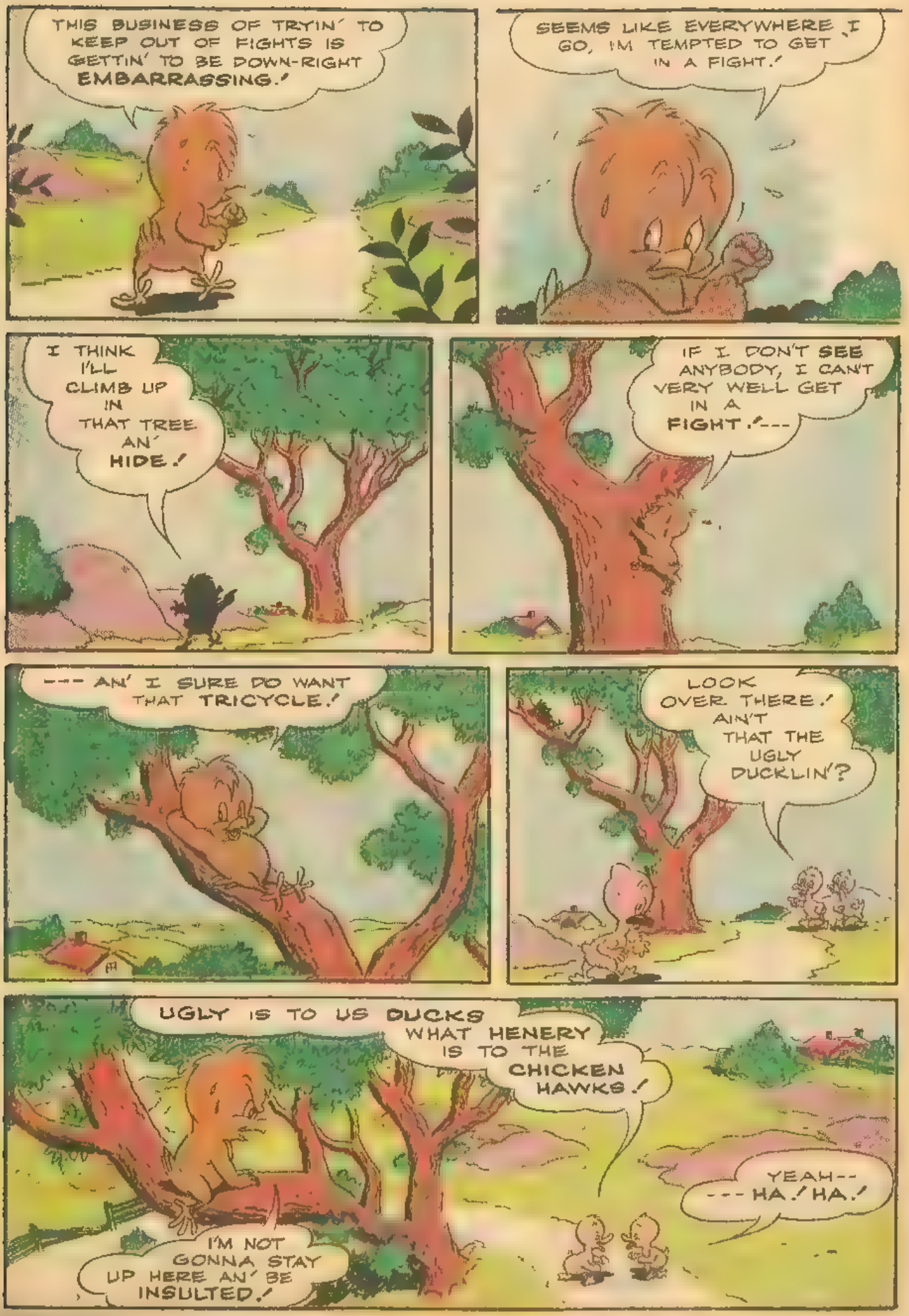

YES, SIR! I'D JUST LIKE TO SEE SOMEBODY TRY TO GET ME IN A FIGHT TODAY!

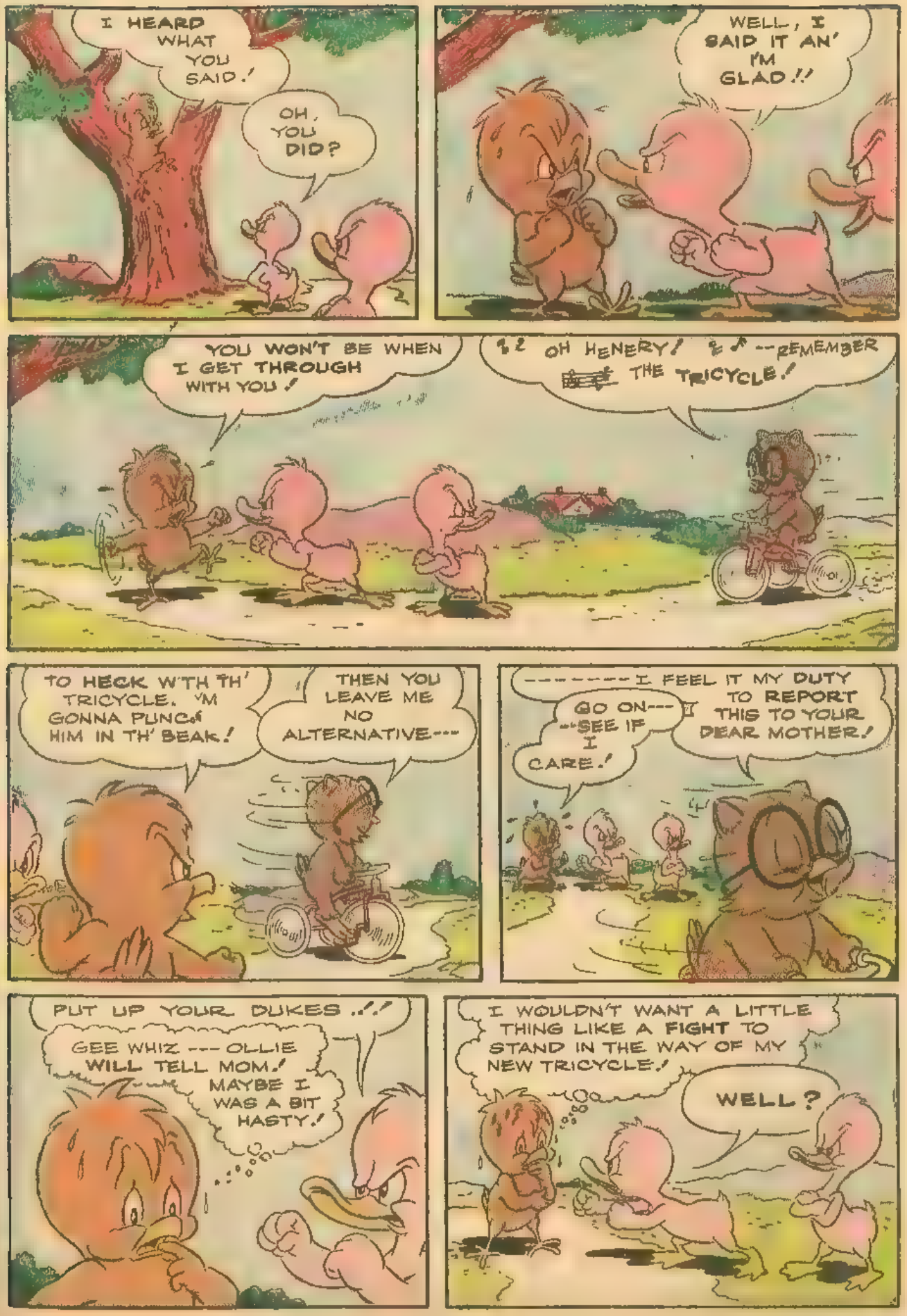

HENERY! I WANTA SEE YOU!
WH-WHO-- --- ME?

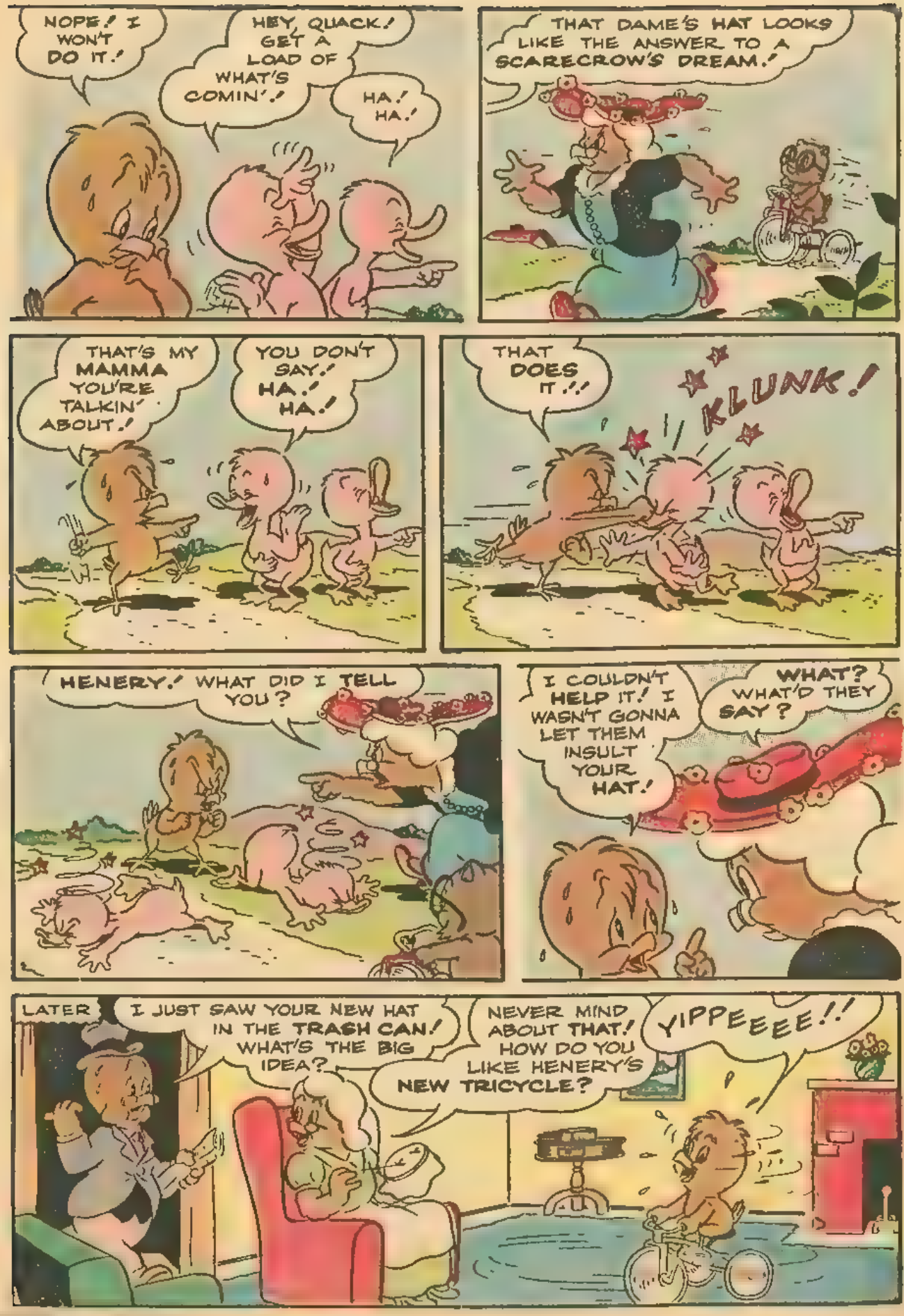
YOU AIN'T PAID ME BACK THET STICK OF BUBBLE GUM I LOANED YA.!
GEE WHIZ---
--BUBBLE GUM'S SCARCE THESE DAYS, BERNARD.!
YOU PROMISED.!
YER NOTHIN' BUT A MEAN, LOW-DOWN CHIZZLER, HENERY HAWK.!
WHY, YOU----
---I AIN'T EITHER MEAN AN' LOW-DOWN.!
I SAYS YA ARE.! WHAT'RE YA GONNA DO ABOUT IT?
THIS.!!
NO, NO, HENERY.!-- ---NO FISTICUFFS.!
REMEMBER YOUR TRICYCLE.!
GULP.!
WAL, WHAT ARE YA GONNA DO ABOUT IT?
NOTHIN'.!

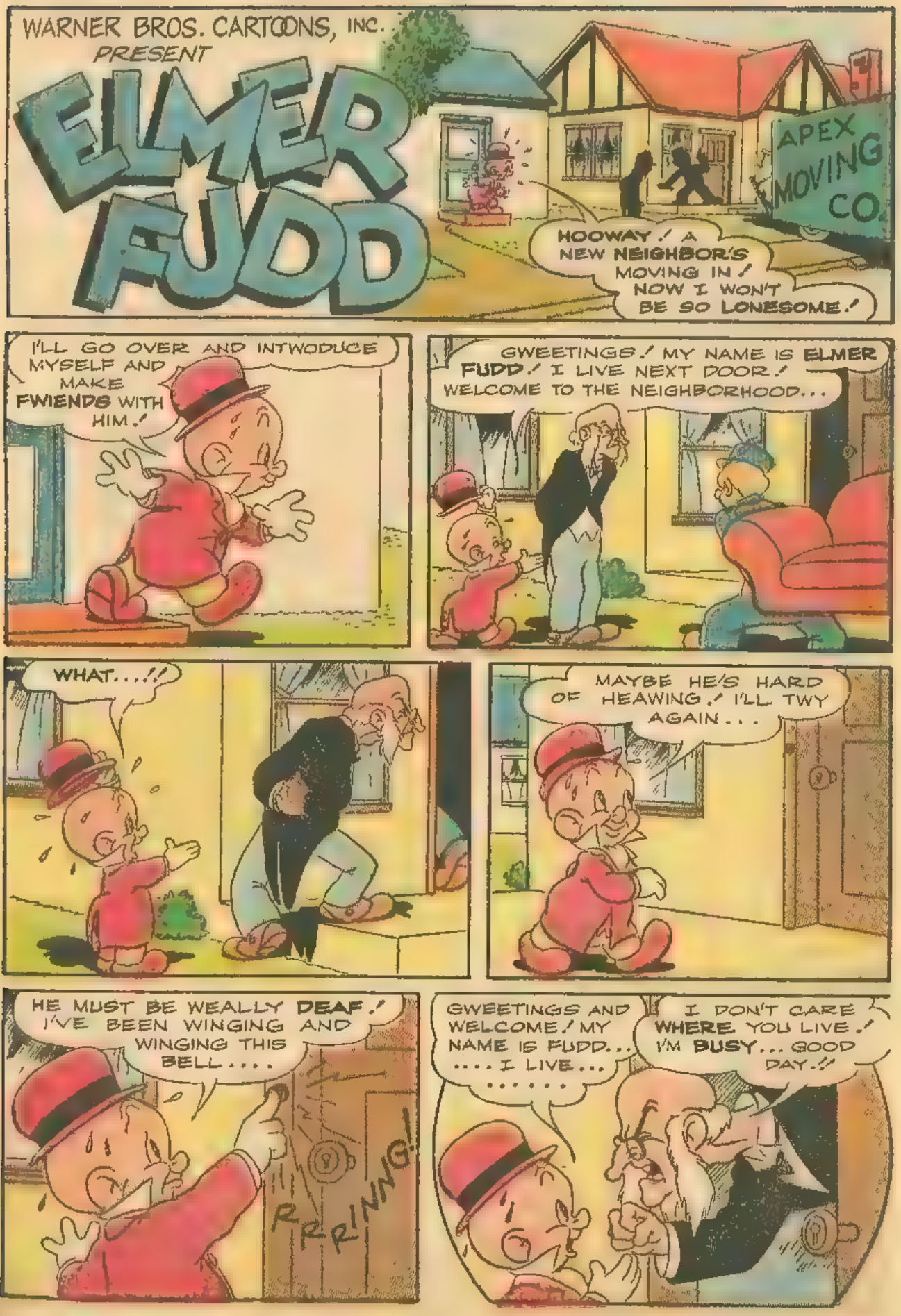

JEEPERS! I HAD NO IDEA IT'D BE SO HARD TO KEEP OUT OF FIGHTS!
I JUST DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH MYSELF TILL SUNDOWN!
OH BOY! A FLOCK OF BABY CHICKS!
I'LL CHASE 'EM! THAT'S ALWAYS A LOTTA FUN!
IT'S A CINCH NONE OF THEM CHICKS WOULD DARE FIGHT WITH ME!
BOOOOOOOOO!!
PEEP! PEEP!
RUN FOR YOUR LIVES! IT'S HENERY, THAT TERRIBLE CHICKEN HAWK!!
WELL? WHY DON'TCHA RUN? YOU HEARD WHAT HE SAID, DIDN'T YOU?
SI!


SI ?? WHAT KINDA TALK IS THAT?
THAT'S SPANISH, HENERY! IT MEANS YES!
PERHAPS YOU TWO HAVEN'T MET!
THIS IS PANCHO! HIS FATHER IS EL DIABLO --- THE GREATEST FIGHTING COCK IN ALL MEXICO!
SI! I'M MUCH TOUGH!---JUST LIKE MY FATHER! WANTA FIGHT, MUSHFACE?
I AIN'T TAKIN' THAT OFF NO LI'L CHICKEN! I'LL ---
REMEMBER THE TRICYCLE, HENERY!
YOU'LL WHAT?
NOTHIN'!
HA! HA!
HENERY'S AFRAID OF A CHICKEN!
HA! HA!


THIS BUSINESS OF TRYIN' TO KEEP OUT OF FIGHTS IS GETTIN' TO BE DOWN-RIGHT EMBARRASSING.!
SEEMS LIKE EVERYWHERE I GO, I'M TEMPTED TO GET IN A FIGHT.!
I THINK I'LL CLIMB UP IN THAT TREE AN' HIDE.!
IF I DON'T SEE ANYBODY, I CAN'T VERY WELL GET IN A FIGHT.!---
--- AN' I SURE DO WANT THAT TRICYCLE.!
LOOK OVER THERE.! AIN'T THAT THE UGLY DUCKLIN'?
UGLY IS TO US DUCKS WHAT HENERY IS TO THE CHICKEN HAWKS.!
YEAH-- --- HA.! HA.!
I'M NOT GONNA STAY UP HERE AN' BE INSULTED.!


I HEARD WHAT YOU SAID.!
OH, YOU DID?
WELL, I SAID IT AN' I'M GLAD!!
YOU WON'T BE WHEN I GET THROUGH WITH YOU!
♪♪ OH HENERY! ♪♪ --REMEMBER THE TRICYCLE!
TO HECK WITH TH' TRICYCLE. I'M GONNA PUNCH HIM IN TH' BEAK!
THEN YOU LEAVE ME NO ALTERNATIVE---
---------I FEEL IT MY DUTY TO REPORT THIS TO YOUR DEAR MOTHER!
GO ON--- --SEE IF I CARE.!
PUT UP YOUR DUKES .!.!
GEE WHIZ --- OLLIE WILL TELL MOM.! MAYBE I WAS A BIT HASTY.!
I WOULDN'T WANT A LITTLE THING LIKE A FIGHT TO STAND IN THE WAY OF MY NEW TRICYCLE.!
WELL?


NOPE! I WON'T DO IT!
HEY, QUACK! GET A LOAD OF WHAT'S COMIN'!
HA! HA!
THAT DAME'S HAT LOOKS LIKE THE ANSWER TO A SCARECROW'S DREAM!
THAT'S MY MAMMA YOU'RE TALKIN' ABOUT!
YOU DON'T SAY! HA! HA!
THAT DOES IT!!
KLUNK!
HENERY! WHAT DID I TELL YOU?
I COULDN'T HELP IT! I WASN'T GONNA LET THEM INSULT YOUR HAT!
WHAT? WHAT'D THEY SAY?
LATER
I JUST SAW YOUR NEW HAT IN THE TRASH CAN! WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA?
NEVER MIND ABOUT THAT! HOW DO YOU LIKE HENERY'S NEW TRICYCLE?
YIPPEEEE!!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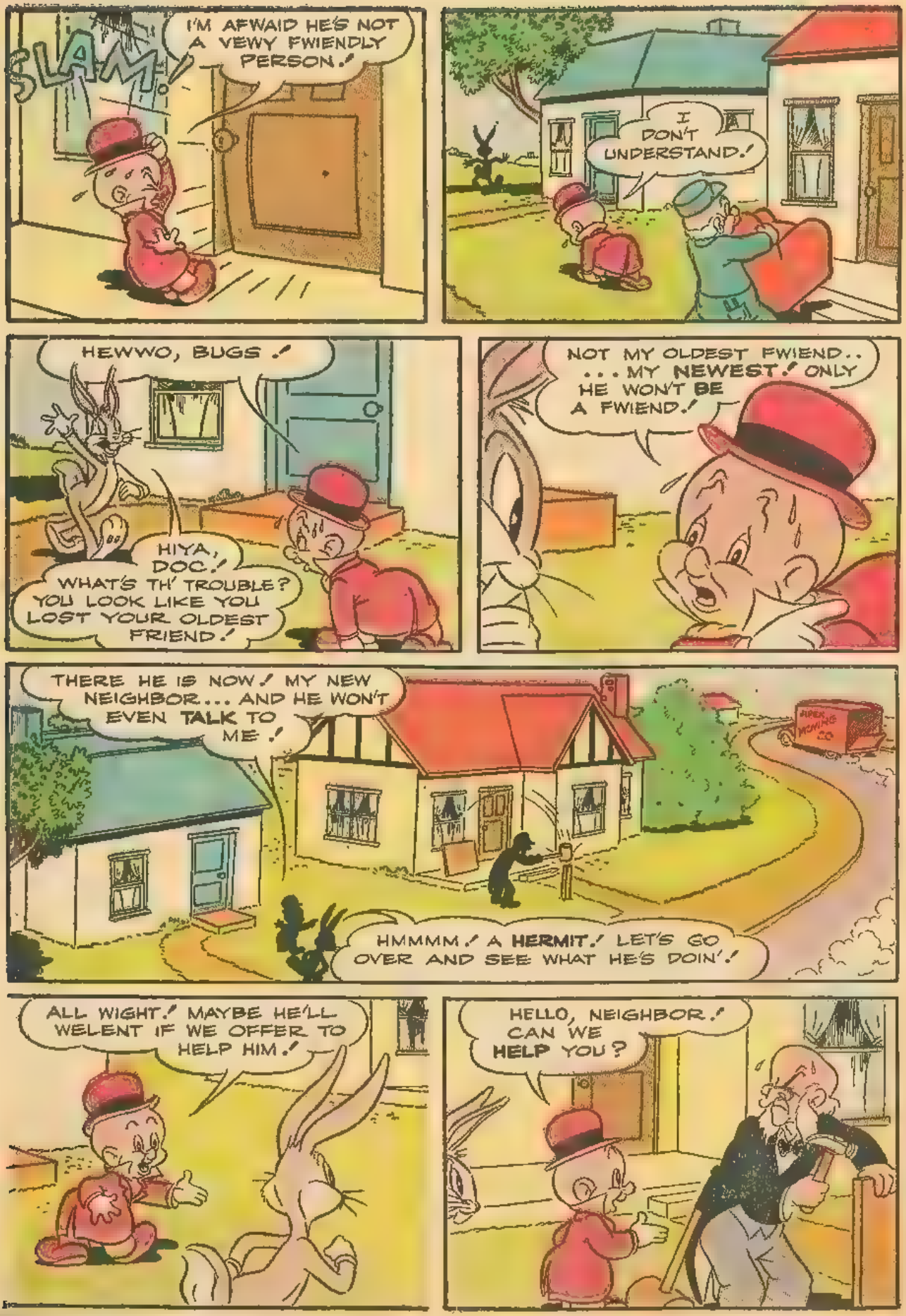
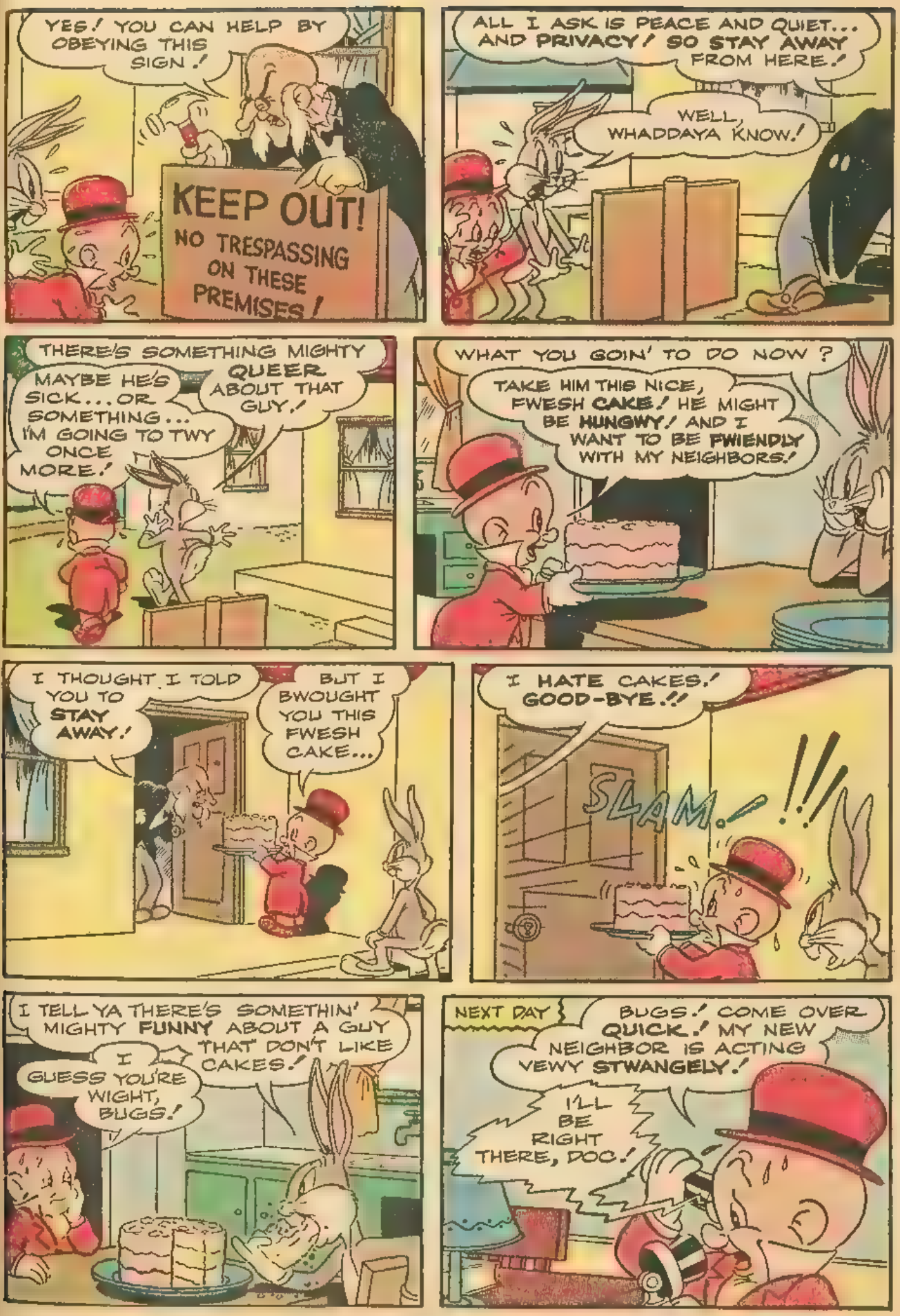
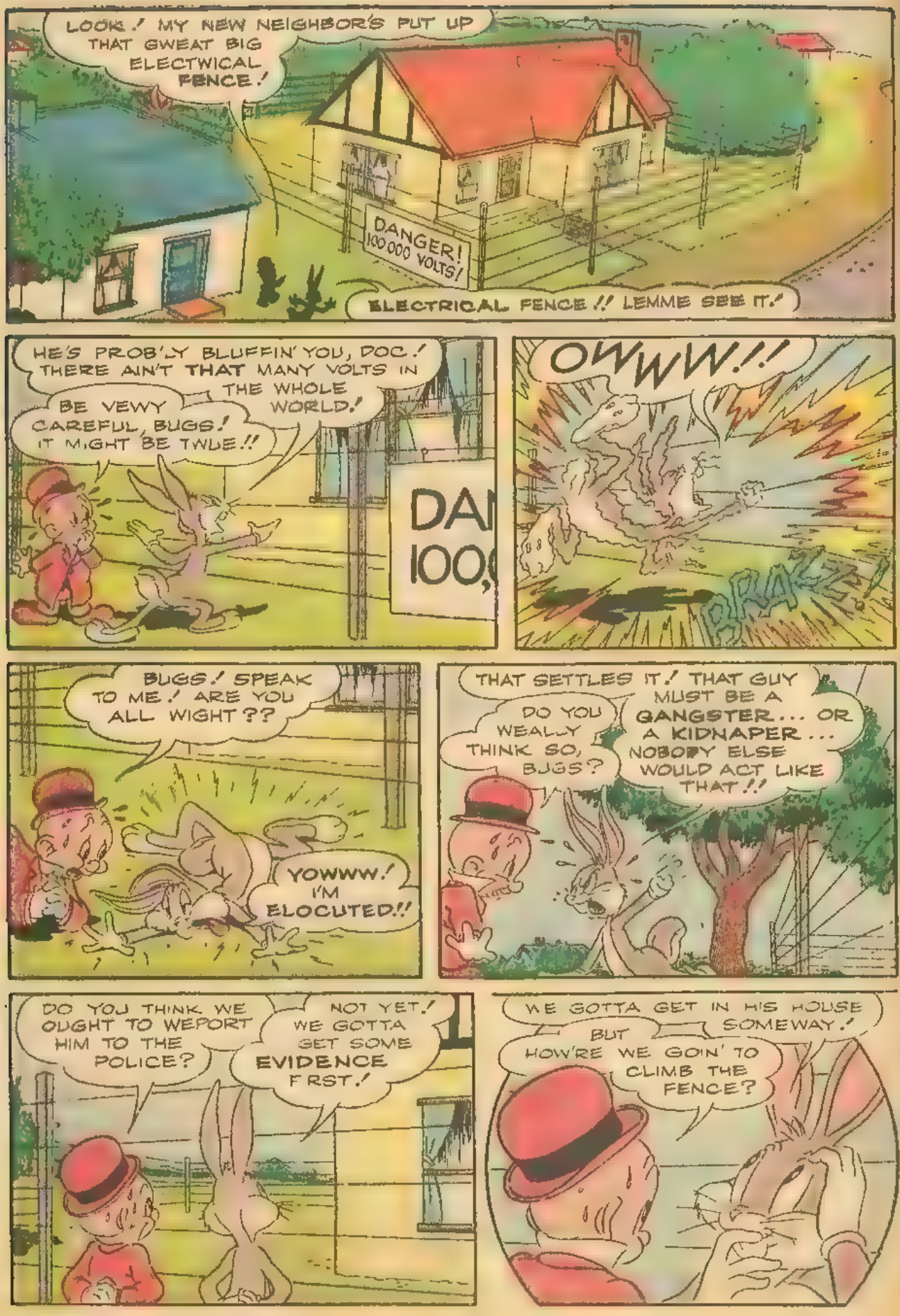
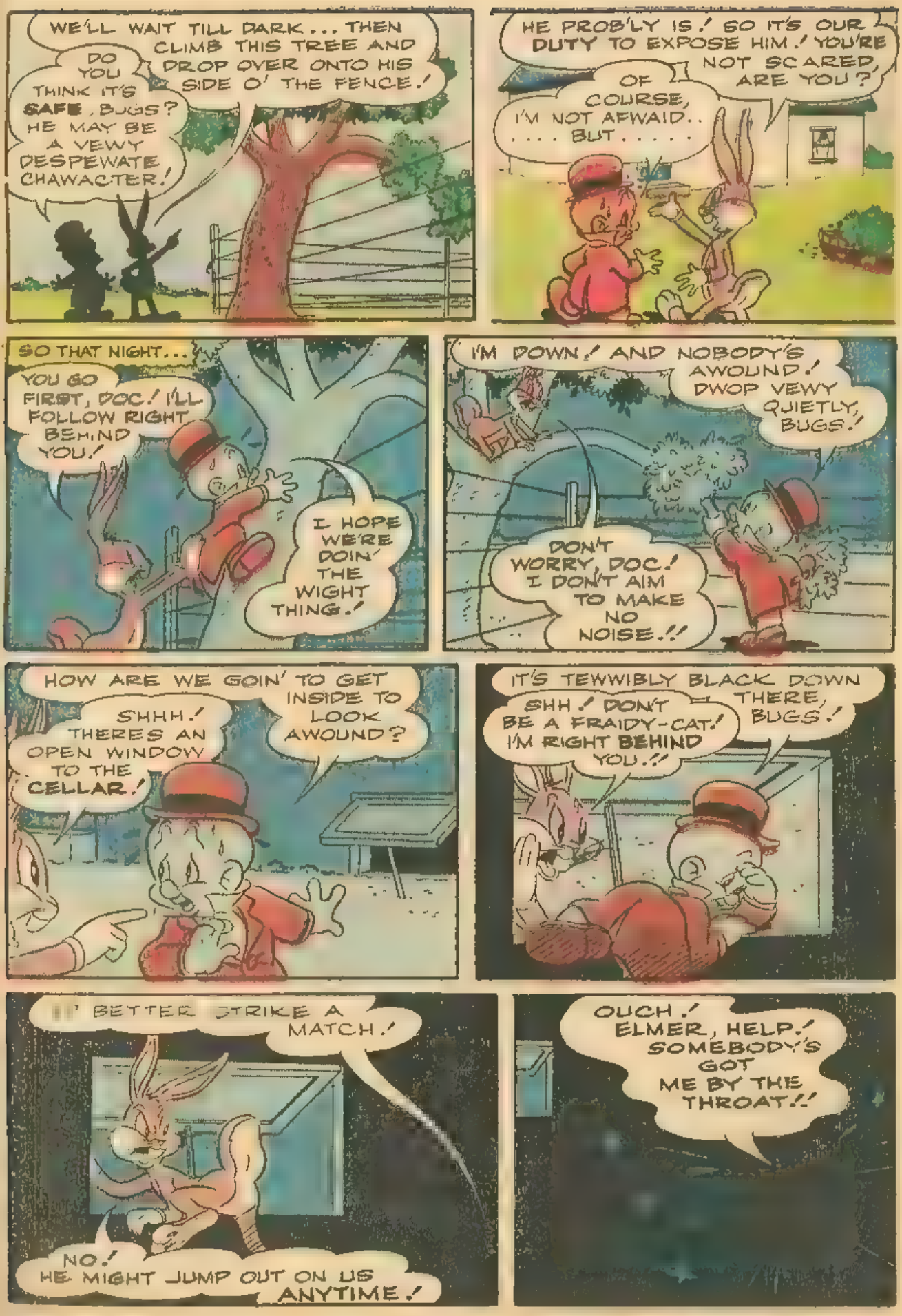
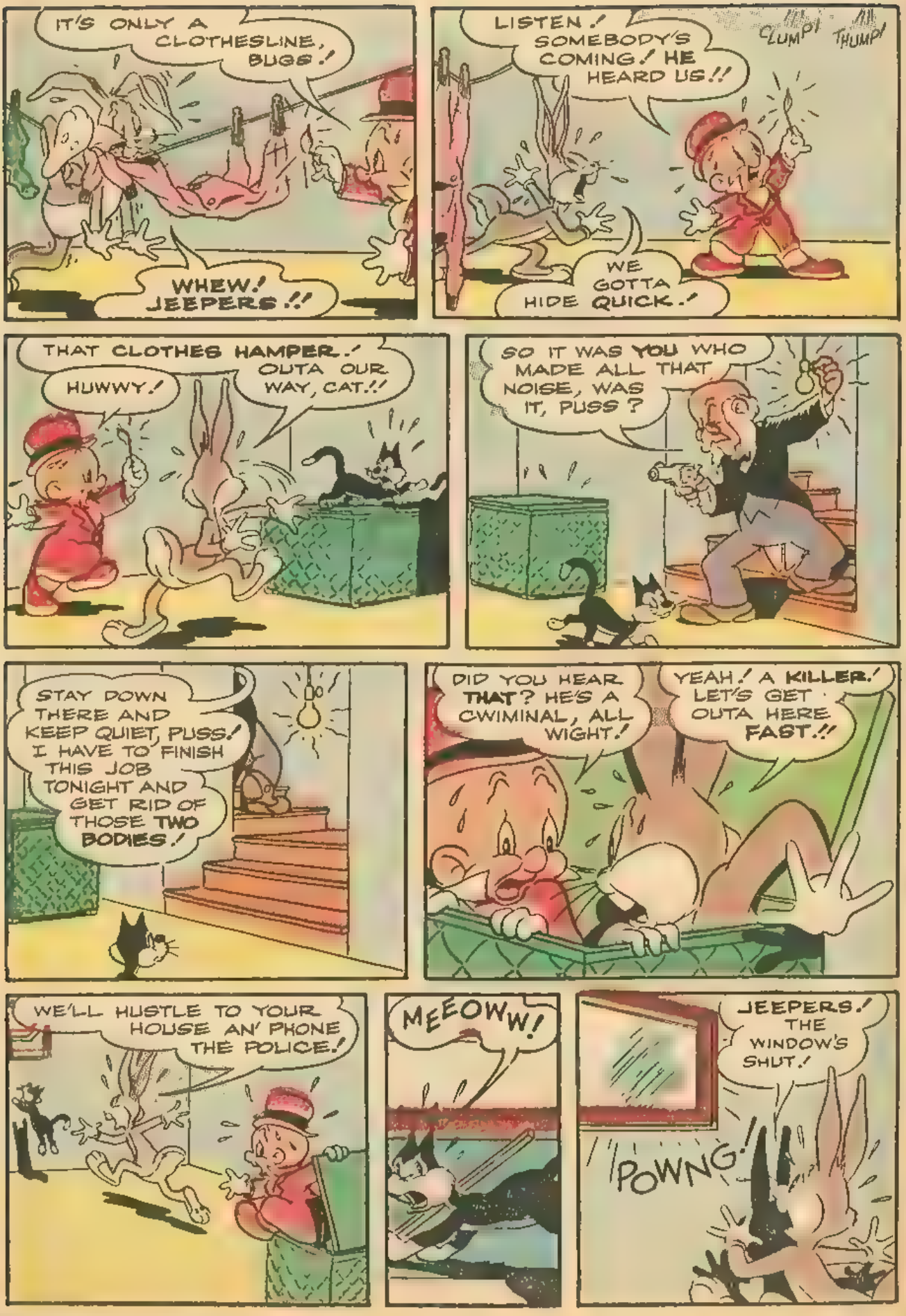
PRESENT
ELMER FUDD
APEX MOVING CO.
HOOWAY! A NEW NEIGHBOR'S MOVING IN! NOW I WON'T BE SO LONESOME!
I'LL GO OVER AND INTWODUCE MYSELF AND MAKE FWIENDS WITH HIM!
GWEETINGS! MY NAME IS ELMER FUDD! I LIVE NEXT DOOR! WELCOME TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD...
WHAT...!!
MAYBE HE'S HARD OF HEAWING! I'LL TWY AGAIN...
HE MUST BE WEALLY DEAF! I'VE BEEN WINGING AND WINGING THIS BELL....
RRRING!
GWEETINGS AND WELCOME! MY NAME IS FUDD.... I LIVE.....
I DON'T CARE WHERE YOU LIVE! I'M BUSY... GOOD DAY!!

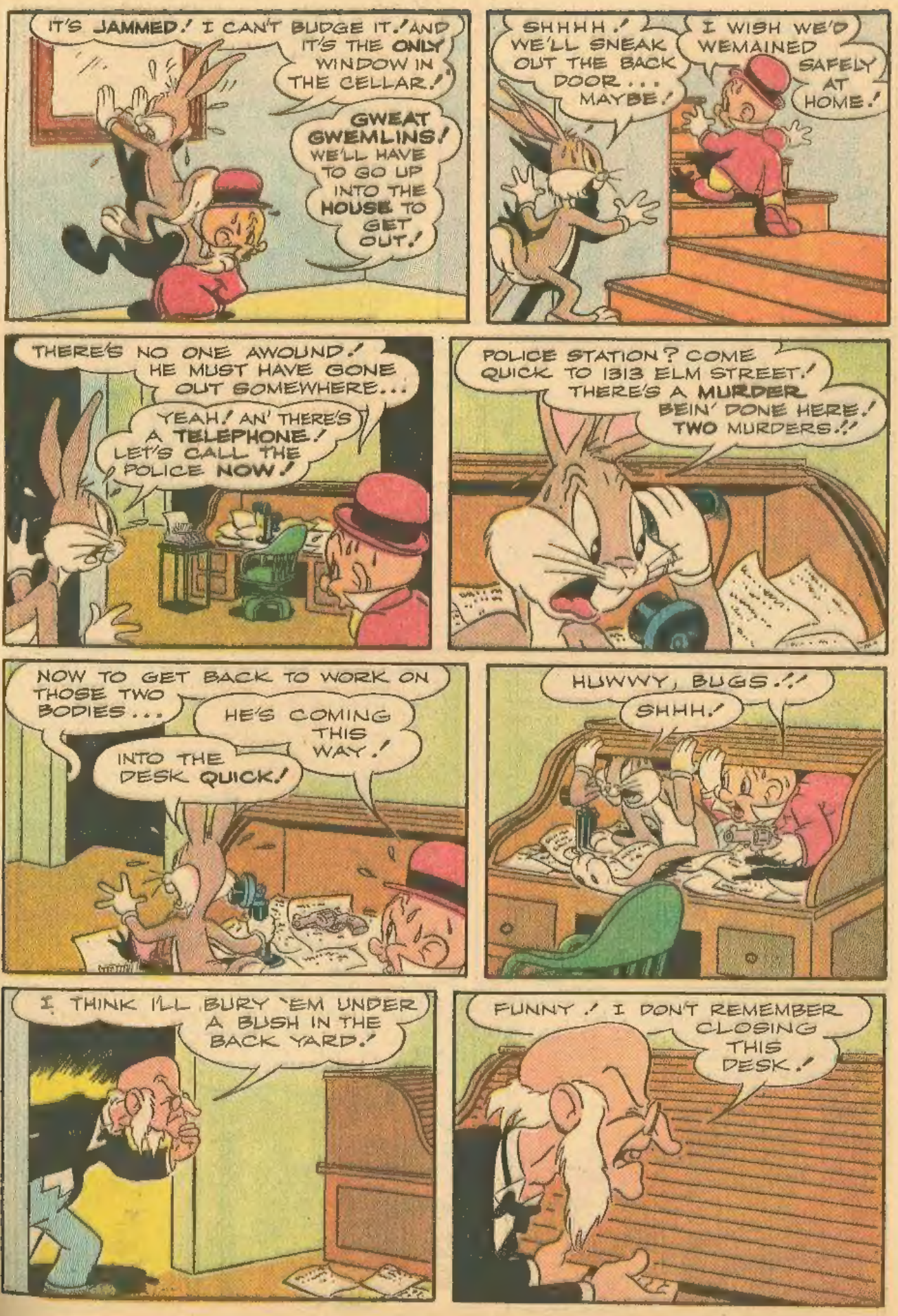

SLAM!
I'M AFWAID HE'S NOT A VEWY FWIENDLY PERSON.!
I DON'T UNDERSTAND.!
HEWWO, BUGS.!
HIYA, DOC.! WHAT'S TH' TROUBLE? YOU LOOK LIKE YOU LOST YOUR OLDEST FRIEND.!
NOT MY OLDEST FWIEND.. ...MY NEWEST.! ONLY HE WON'T BE A FWIEND.!
THERE HE IS NOW.! MY NEW NEIGHBOR... AND HE WON'T EVEN TALK TO ME.!
APEX MOVING CO.
HMMMM.! A HERMIT.! LET'S GO OVER AND SEE WHAT HE'S DOIN'.!
ALL WIGHT.! MAYBE HE'LL WELENT IF WE OFFER TO HELP HIM.!
HELLO, NEIGHBOR.! CAN WE HELP YOU?


YES! YOU CAN HELP BY OBEYING THIS SIGN!
KEEP OUT!
NO TRESPASSING ON THESE PREMISES!
ALL I ASK IS PEACE AND QUIET... AND PRIVACY! SO STAY AWAY FROM HERE!
WELL, WHADDAYA KNOW!
THERE'S SOMETHING MIGHTY QUEER ABOUT THAT GUY!
MAYBE HE'S SICK... OR SOMETHING... I'M GOING TO TWY ONCE MORE!
WHAT YOU GOIN' TO DO NOW?
TAKE HIM THIS NICE, FWESH CAKE! HE MIGHT BE HUNGWY! AND I WANT TO BE FWIENDLY WITH MY NEIGHBORS!
I THOUGHT I TOLD YOU TO STAY AWAY!
BUT I BWOUGHT YOU THIS FWESH CAKE...
I HATE CAKES! GOOD-BYE!!
SLAM!
I TELL YA THERE'S SOMETHIN' MIGHTY FUNNY ABOUT A GUY THAT DON'T LIKE CAKES!
I GUESS YOU'RE WIGHT, BUGS!
NEXT DAY
BUGS! COME OVER QUICK! MY NEW NEIGHBOR IS ACTING VEWY STWANGELY!
I'LL BE RIGHT THERE, DOC!


LOOK! MY NEW NEIGHBOR'S PUT UP THAT GWEAT BIG ELECTWICAL FENCE!
DANGER! 100,000 VOLTS!
ELECTRICAL FENCE!! LEMME SEE IT!
HE'S PROB'LY BLUFFIN' YOU, DOC! THERE AIN'T THAT MANY VOLTS IN THE WHOLE WORLD!
BE VEWY CAREFUL, BUGS! IT MIGHT BE TWUE!!
OWWW!!!
BRAZE!
BUGS! SPEAK TO ME! ARE YOU ALL WIGHT??
YOWWW! I'M ELOCUTED!!
THAT SETTLES IT! THAT GUY MUST BE A GANGSTER... OR A KIDNAPER... NOBODY ELSE WOULD ACT LIKE THAT!!
DO YOU WEALLY THINK SO, BUGS?
DO YOU THINK WE OUGHT TO WEPORT HIM TO THE POLICE?
NOT YET! WE GOTTA GET SOME EVIDENCE FRST!
WE GOTTA GET IN HIS HOUSE SOMEWAY!
BUT HOW'RE WE GOIN' TO CLIMB THE FENCE?


WE'LL WAIT TILL DARK... THEN CLIMB THIS TREE AND DROP OVER ONTO HIS SIDE O' THE FENCE!
DO YOU THINK IT'S SAFE, BUGS? HE MAY BE A VEWY DESPEWATE CHAWACTER!
HE PROB'LY IS! SO IT'S OUR DUTY TO EXPOSE HIM! YOU'RE NOT SCARED, ARE YOU?
OF COURSE, I'M NOT AFWAID.. .... BUT.....
SO THAT NIGHT...
YOU GO FIRST, DOC! I'LL FOLLOW RIGHT BEHIND YOU!
I HOPE WE'RE DOIN' THE WIGHT THING!
I'M DOWN! AND NOBODY'S AWOUND! DWOP VEWY QUIETLY, BUGS!
DON'T WORRY, DOC! I DON'T AIM TO MAKE NO NOISE!!
HOW ARE WE GOIN' TO GET INSIDE TO LOOK AWOUND?
SHHH! THERES AN OPEN WINDOW TO THE CELLAR!
IT'S TEWWIBLY BLACK DOWN THERE, BUGS!
SHH! DON'T BE A FRAIDY-CAT! I'M RIGHT BEHIND YOU!!
I BETTER STRIKE A MATCH!
NO! HE MIGHT JUMP OUT ON US ANYTIME!
OUCH! ELMER, HELP! SOMEBODY'S GOT ME BY THE THROAT!!


IT'S ONLY A CLOTHESLINE, BUGS!
WHEW! JEEPERS!!
LISTEN! SOMEBODY'S COMING! HE HEARD US!!
CLUMP!
THUMP!
WE GOTTA HIDE QUICK!
THAT CLOTHES HAMPER!
HUWWY!
OUTA OUR WAY, CAT!!
SO IT WAS YOU WHO MADE ALL THAT NOISE, WAS IT, PUSS?
STAY DOWN THERE AND KEEP QUIET, PUSS! I HAVE TO FINISH THIS JOB TONIGHT AND GET RID OF THOSE TWO BODIES!
DID YOU HEAR THAT? HE'S A CWIMINAL, ALL WIGHT!
YEAH! A KILLER! LET'S GET OUTA HERE FAST!!
WE'LL HUSTLE TO YOUR HOUSE AN' PHONE THE POLICE!
MEEOWW!
JEEPERS! THE WINDOW'S SHUT!
POWNG!


IT'S JAMMED! I CAN'T BUDGE IT! AND IT'S THE ONLY WINDOW IN THE CELLAR!
GWEAT GWEMLINS! WE'LL HAVE TO GO UP INTO THE HOUSE TO GET OUT!
SHHHH! WE'LL SNEAK OUT THE BACK DOOR... MAYBE!
I WISH WE'D WEMAINED SAFELY AT HOME!
THERE'S NO ONE AWOUND! HE MUST HAVE GONE OUT SOMEWHERE...
YEAH! AN' THERE'S A TELEPHONE! LET'S CALL THE POLICE NOW!
POLICE STATION? COME QUICK TO 1313 ELM STREET! THERE'S A MURDER BEIN' DONE HERE! TWO MURDERS!!!
NOW TO GET BACK TO WORK ON THOSE TWO BODIES...
HE'S COMING THIS WAY!
INTO THE DESK QUICK!
HUWWY, BUGS!!!
SHHH!
I THINK I'LL BURY 'EM UNDER A BUSH IN THE BACK YARD!
FUNNY! I DON'T REMEMBER CLOSING THIS DESK!

!!!
STICK UP YOUR HANDS!
PUT 'EM UP VEWY HIGH!!
WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?
WE KNOW ALL ABOUT YOUR GWAVE IN THE BACK YARD!
WHERE'S THE MURDER....?
THERE'S THE KILLER, YER HONORS!
YES! WE STOPPED HIM BEFORE HE BUWIED THE BODIES IN A GWAVE IN THE BACK YARD!
IT'S ALL A MISTAKE! MY NAME'S HUGH DUNIT! I WRITE MYSTERY STORIES! I CAME HERE TO HAVE PEACE AND QUIET TO FINISH MY LATEST NOVEL!
THERE'S THE STORY, OFFICER! I'M TRYING TO FIGURE A NEW WAY TO DISPOSE OF TWO BODIES IN THE LAST CHAPTER! BUT THESE TWO SNOOPERS BROKE INTO MY HOUSE...
HOUSEBREAKERS, EH? WELL, YOU TWO WILL COME ALONG TO JAIL WITH US! SORRY WE DISTURBED YOU, MISTER DUNIT!
LATER
HI, PALS! WE MIGHT AS WELL BE FRIENDS, SEEIN' AS WE'RE NEIGHBORS!!
!!!

PORKY'S FIRECRACKER

(Continued from inside front cover)

"It's s-sorta s-scary in here at n-night," Porky shivered.

A moment later they rounded a clump of bushes and saw the little shed in a small clearing. It was made of wide, rough boards with a padlocked door.

"There's the shed," Bugs pointed.

Porky grabbed his arm. "Shhh!" he whispered. "L-Look! S-Somebody's s-standin' by the d-d-door!"

They stood in frozen silence, staring at the little shed.

"Mebbe it's only a shadow!" Bugs muttered.

"N-No! It's m-moving," Porky insisted in a frightened whisper. "The d-door's opening. M-Maybe it's a b-burglar, t-tryin' to s-steal th-the fireworks!"

"You're imaginin' things," Bugs said in a low voice.

"N-No, I'm n-not! L-Let's be s-still and w-watch!" Porky's plump little body was tense with excitement.

As they stood in the shadows, staring at the little shed, a man's figure came out of the open door. His arms were loaded with boxes of various sizes. He hesitated for a moment, then he slipped stealthily away from the shed staggering under his heavy load.

"It IS a burglar," Bugs grated his teeth. "He's stealin' the town's firecrackers. We'd better get the cops quick!"

"There isn't t-time," Porky said in a low voice. "We've g-got to s-stop him, ourselves!"

"But how can we?" Bugs's voice was a hoarse croak.

"I'll sh-show you!" Porky cried.

From his pocket he pulled a little box of matches. Quickly he struck one and set fire to the fuse of his make-believe firecracker. Then he dashed from the bushes, waving the flaming firecracker in the air.

"S-Stop!" he shouted in his loudest voice. "D-Drop those b-boxes or I'll th-throw this f-firecracker! It'll blow you t-to b-bits!"

The thief turned and saw Porky racing toward him. He gasped when he saw the blazing firecracker in Porky's hand. With a muttered cry he dropped the boxes and fled, disappearing in the darkness.

"He's g-gone!" Porky gulped. "I s-scared him away!"

"You sure did," Bugs chortled. "He dropped all the fireworks, too. You wait here, Porky, an' I'll go find a cop!"

As Bugs hurried away, Porky smelled the odor of burning paper and scorching chocolate. Quickly he stooped and rolled his firecracker in the grass to put out the blaze.

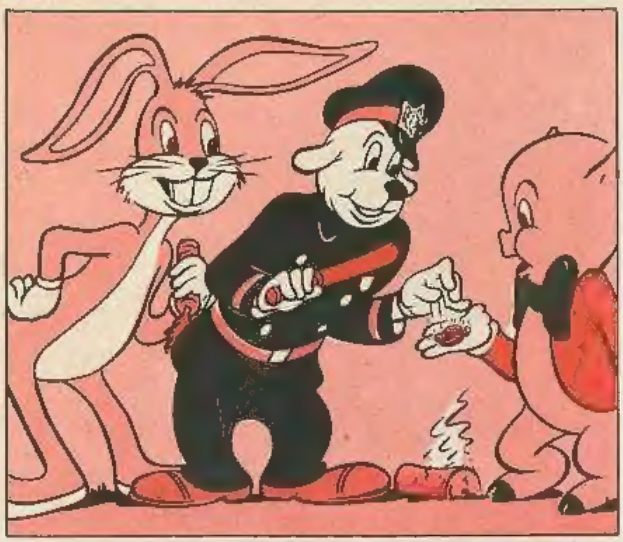
Later, after Bugs had returned with a policeman and the fireworks were safely returned to the shed, the officer turned to Porky.

"Your toy firecracker sure saved the town's Fourth of July celebration, Porky!" he said admiringly.

Porky looked sadly at the burned and crushed mass of red paper and melted chocolate in his hand. "Y-Yes," he nodded. "B-But my p-present for P-Petunia is ruined."

The policeman pulled some coins from his pocket and handed them to Porky. "Hurry and buy another one before the store closes," he smiled. "I'll keep an eye on these fireworks the rest of the night."

"I'll go with you, Porky," Bugs offered, as the two ran through the park. "Those fake firecrackers are pretty good, after all."



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